

Township of Northampton 55 Township Road Richboro, PA 18954

PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025 MINUTES

Members Present

Steve Saddlemire Mark Shapiro Dave Deola Michael Enz Janet Kifolo

Others Present

Jacob Riig, PE, Township Engineer Michael T. Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning

Mr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting.

Approved - 5-0 (Kifolo/Saddlemire)

<u>Discussion – Stormwater Management</u>

Jacob Rigg, PE, Township Engineer, gave an overview on the fundamentals of stormwater management.

Mr. Rigg discussed the PA Stormwater Management Act of 1978 and the processes involved, which is overseen by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Rigg also discussed the Bucks County Watersheds in addition to the Neshaminy Creek Stormwater Management Plan. He noted that the model ordinance was created by Bucks County in August of 2010 and has been updated over the years.

Mr. Rigg also gave an overview of the Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds for the Neshaminy Creek Watershed and the steps involved for compliance. As a follow up, Mr. Rigg gave examples of Best Management Practices (BMPs), including structural and non-structural BMPs.

Structural BMPs include detention basins, rain gardens, infiltration trenches, and rain barrels. Non-structural BMPs include tree plantings, minimizing soil compaction, and replanting meadows. With these examples, there were construction details that were shown as well.

Finally, Mr. Rigg identified the role of the Planning Commission with respect to the stormwater management program.

At this point, there was general discussion about the topic.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Solomon
Director of Planning and Zoning