

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 27, 2021**

The second regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 via Telephone Conference Zoom Meeting Call-In Number: (888) 788-0099 (US Toll Free)

Conference ID: 391 592 5613 (Press # when prompted)

In accordance with Governor Wolf's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Plainfield Township officials are holding this regular meeting utilizing the Zoom authorized telecommunication device platform only. Remote meetings are permitted under the provisions of Act 15 of 2020 (Health Care Cost Containment Act). The Board of Supervisors will not be physically present at this meeting. This public meeting will be recorded. We kindly ask that all interested parties participating via the dedicated conference call line to only speak during the sections of the meeting that are specifically reserved for public comment or when prompted by the Chairman and to also state your name each time you are speaking. Members of the public and all interested parties will have the opportunity to comment via the telephone conference call prior to any official action taking place and during the Citizen's Agenda/Non-Agenda portion of the meeting. Anyone intentionally disrupting the meeting will be promptly muted and/or ejected from the call.

Chairman, Randy Heard, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Supervisors answered roll call: Chairman Randy Heard, Jane Mellert, Stephen Hurni and Joyce Lambert. Vice Chairman Glenn Borger was excused from attending the meeting.

Also present was Township Manager, Thomas Petrucci.

- *Now that the roll call of the Board of Supervisors is completed, we will proceed with a roll call of all members of the public who are participating on this call. Please state your name(s) one at a time so the Township can make sure that your participation is recognized.*

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Resident Chuck Piazza was in attendance.

I. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Ordinance No. 405 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Amendment Providing for Additional Requirements for the Permitted-by-Right Uses of Warehouse and Wholesale, Storage or Distribution (DRAFT)

Township Manager Tom Petrucci indicated that this proposed zoning ordinance amendment is necessary for the following reasons:

The approved and/or proposed “warehouse” and “wholesale, storage or distribution” uses to date in the Township largely situated along the S.R. 512/S.R. 33 corridor, there now is an identified concern about the potential impact to the predominantly rural surrounding areas for any future proposed developments. While the “warehouse” and “wholesale, storage or distribution” uses are not permitted in the Farm and Forest Zoning District, the spillover of these uses possibly being located in the General Commercial, Commercial Industrial, and Industrial Business Park Zoning Districts in the future may start to impact the quality of life of residents located in the rural/residential zoning districts. The draft Ordinance No. 405 Zoning Ordinance Amendment keeps the “warehouse” and “wholesale, storage or distribution” uses as permitted uses, but implements safeguards to ensure that the development does not impede upon traffic or the quality of life for effected residents.

ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Jane Mellert to authorize the Township Manager (upon approval of the Township Solicitor) to advertise Ordinance No. 405 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – An Amendment Providing for Additional Requirements for the Permitted-by-Right Uses of Warehouse and Wholesale, Storage or Distribution (DRAFT) dated May 27, 2021 for adoption, and to send the draft Ordinance text to the Plainfield Township Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipalities Planning Code.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

CITIZEN’S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

Resident Chuck Piazza was in attendance, but he did not make a statement concerning any of the Agenda or Non-Agenda items.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. *Randy Heard, Chairman*- Nothing to report.
2. *Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman*- Not in attendance.
3. *Joyce Lambert*- Nothing to report.
4. *Jane Mellert*- Nothing to report.
5. *Stephen Hurni*- Thanked Jane Mellert for the effort she has put in to ensure that the Slate Belt Regional Police Department Pension Plan is in compliance with Act 600 and to ensure that the Pension Plan is audit-ready. There was no information available concerning the ongoing arbitration matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Joyce Lambert to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors