

**NEWTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
March 29, 2023**

**Members Present**—D. Scot Haan, James Norton, Gregg Raino, Gary Martenson and Bob McMinn.

**Absent:** Karen Lilik and Steve Sartori

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag.

**Reorganize:**

Motion by Martenson to appoint D. Scot Haan as **Chairman**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McMinn. Motion voted, all in favor.

Motion by Martenson to appoint Steve Sartori as **Vice-Chairman**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McMinn. Motion voted, all in favor.

Motion by Haan to appoint Francine Fawcett as **Secretary**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martenson. Motion voted, all in favor.

Motion by Martenson to set the meeting dates as the last Wednesday of each month with no meeting in December with the Work Session at 7PM and the meeting at 7:30PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Raino. Motion voted, all in favor.

**Announcements:** None

**General Meeting**

**Minutes:** Norton motioned to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2022 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Raino. Motion voted, all in favor, Haan abstained.

**New Business:**

***Rotary Club of the Abingtons:*** The annual fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, July 2, 2023 at the Abington Heights Middle School. There are no plan changes from other years and certificate of insurance will be provided to the township prior to the event. They are requesting a waiver of the fees for a mass gathering permit. **Motion by Martenson to recommend to the Supervisors to waive the fees and grant the mass gathering permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norton. Motion voted, all in favor.**

***Covalesky Subdivision:*** This subdivision covers two counties and four townships. Currently, the only township to sign is West Abington Township. There is a small area in Newton Township. This is a lot-line adjustment where they are taking five lots and combining them into three lots. **Motion by Raino to recommend approval to the Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McMinn. Motion voted, all in favor.**

***Pave Cut Ordinance:*** Discussion ensued regarding several pave cut ordinance samples received. It was decided to go with the sample ordinance from Clarks Summit Borough and use the application form. Haan will put the ordinance together for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Public Input:** None

Being no public input, **motion by Norton to adjourn at 8:26PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martenson. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett.