

**NEWTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 30, 2023**

Members Present—D. Scot Haan, Steve Sartori, Karen Lilik, Gregg Raino, Bob McMinn and Gary Martenson.

Absent: James Norton

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

Announcements: None

General Meeting

Minutes: Sartori motioned to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2023 meeting, 2nd by Lilik. Motion voted, all in favor, Martenson abstained.

New Business:

Marty Kelleher: Mr. Kelleher was present to discuss a sketch plan for 90 lots at Summit Hill Golf Course and that he wants to hook into the State Hospital's sewer line. Haan discussed that the Supervisors, at their meeting on August 14, 2023, stated that the township requires a letter from the State that they will allow it. Mr. Kelleher stated that they will not talk to him as a resident and will only deal with the township. It was explained that the State will definitely contact the township with their plans but has not done so. Haan also explained that the township ordinances require that soil testing be done prior and that on-lot systems are preferred – Mr. Kelleher disagrees and stated that anyone within 150 yards of the line has to hook in. Martenson stated that Mr. Kelleher is putting the cart before the horse and that we cannot act on anything right now until the township is made aware of what the State is doing. Mr. Kelleher again stated that he just wants the township to know that he wants to hook into the line.

Red Barn Village: John Cicilioni, new owner of Red Barn Village, came before the Planning Commission to discuss his plans. He would like to erect five cabins, 36x16, for short term rentals. He also discussed that the store will have a partial change of use as it will now be mostly a restaurant and a small store. He also plans to put in a salt room and a pavilion for bands. It was stated that he will need conditional use hearings.

Unfinished Business:

Kinney/Pensak Subdivision: Plans were updated, the line was moved so that there is 100' distance for the well. Driveway pipes still need to go in. DEP modules were signed and given back to the surveyor. **Motion by Sartori to recommend approval by the Supervisors contingent on DEP approval and driveway pipes being done, 2nd by Martenson. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Pave Cut Ordinance: Outstanding.

SAPA: Haan stated that he spoke with DCED regarding the lack of the SAPA plan being enacted. DCED said they have a meeting scheduled with Dunmore next Wednesday to discuss. Dunmore requested one change to their plan and it has been done.

Public Input: None

Being no public input, **motion by Martenson to adjourn at 9PM, 2nd by McMinn.. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett.