

**Howe Township Planning Commission**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Attendance:**

Kathy Donahey  
Lavina Herr  
Charles Burd  
Dale Beaver  
Randy Kessler  
Zach Bomberger  
Philip Bomberger  
Barbara Book  
Mark Book  
Rich Brunner  
Wendy Brunner  
James K. Book  
Alex Greenly  
Adam Davis  
Eric Horting  
Brenda Horting  
Anne Hartzell  
Arthur W. Hartzell  
Terry Heller  
Bob Hart  
Judy Hart  
Tom Schreiber  
Pam Pollock  
Frank Campbell

**Call To Order:**

Terry Heller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

No old Business

**New Business:**

Introduction of Randy Kessler to Planning Commission.

Adam Davis of BL presented plan on behalf of Hamm Equities

Prior approval of Buffalo Crossing was in 2005. Economy went down

In October 2016 a RACP grant was received. 2 million matching grant. 5 lot subdivision plan.

Grant money may only be used for on-site infrastructure: streets, sewage, water, sidewalks, etc.

Shovel ready site. Leasing or selling of land to be determined.

Approved package treatment in 2005. In the future could possibly boar under Route 322 with pumping station on site .Timing and money is key. Public sewer ultimately is the best option.

In discussions with Newport Water Authority

Scoping application has been submitted. Possible widening of Route 34 on developed side, 2 entrances proposed

No lighting proposed (underground cables will be in place)

Traffic study has to be updated from 2005.

No tenants signed up for the development site yet

Five years from October 2016 construction must be completed

Residents' concerns are traffic signals, vegetation screening, landscaping, traffic, lighting and noise

It was stressed that project must be Howe Township zoning ordinance complaint.  
James Book wanted his concern for the chestnut trees along possible water line connections noted in these minutes.

- HRG comments must be addressed notably:

1. Fire hydrants
2. Stream Channel Protection
3. A note on plan identifying sidewalk locations
4. Retaining wall along C street addition of another note on plan

See other HRG comments:

Site will be cleaned up has two makeshift dumps

This meeting was a community input and informational meeting

If the plan is resubmitted by June 15, 2017 there will be another meeting on June ~~29~~<sup>22</sup>, 2017.

Reorganizational meeting for Howe Township Planning Commission:

Lavina Herr made the motion to nominate Terry Heller for Chair, Eric Horting Vice Chair, and Pam Pollock as Secretary.

Randy Kessler second the motion.

Pam Pollock made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Kathy Donahey second the motion.