

# MOON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 27, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

## **Planning Commission:**

Scott Melton  
Nancy Mills  
Joseph D'Andrea  
Alan Bross  
Zelik Ratchkauskas

## **Other:**

Adam McGurk – Moon Township  
Lynda Shandrick- Moon Township

Mr. Melton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

## **Roll Call:**

Mr. D'Andrea-present, Ms. Mills-present, Mr. Bross- present, Mr. Melton-present, Mr. Racthkauskas- present. Mr. Panucci and Mr. Swen were not present.

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

Mr. Melton called for a motion to approve the March 30, 2010 minutes and asked for any changes or corrections.

Ms. Mills made a motion to approve the March 30, 2010 minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Ratchkauskas

## **Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. D'Andrea-yes, Ms. Mills-yes, Mr. Bross- yes, Mr. Ratchkauskas-yes, Mr. Melton-yes. Motion passed.

**Sketch Plans:**

None

**Applications Filed for Review:**

Mr. McGurk said the plans submitted are on the agenda for acceptance and the commissioners will not take action on the plans.

Combined Preliminary/Final Major Land Development Plan: Robert Morris University Concord Hall II:

Combined Preliminary/Final Major Land Development Plan: Kenny Ross Toyota Dealership:

Mr. McGurk said, Robert Morris is resubmitting their plan and it is a duplicate plan of the existing Concord Hall. Kenny Ross has resubmitted their plan with some minor changes to the design.

**2010 Comprehensive Plan Update:**

Mr. McGurk said the discussion tonight will include guest speakers and a presentation.

Mr. McGurk, coordinated a series of questions developed by the Planning Department (see Exhibit A for questions and responses).

Mr. Bross feels Moon Township has a unique approach of residential areas and business districts, which gives a nice balance to our community keeping it residential, but served by a business area. We do not want to experience the traffic nightmare Robinson Township has.

Mr. Melton likes the variety of housing Moon provides from homes build in the 50's to our ultra scale of homes being built in the community now. I also feel our school district is strength for our community. I also like the effort to provide "Empty Nester" homes in Moon Township, such as Sonoma Ridge and Staunton Heights for example.

Ms. Mills feels that more diversity will provide a good blend for Moon Township. I have heard a lot of residents complain we need more family restaurants in Moon Township.

Mr. Bross added, we have strengths in a variety of doctors, dentist, UPMC along with business in Moon Township. I too have heard from residents we need more family restaurants.

Mr. D'Andrea feels week-ends are mainly Moon resident traffic, during the week we have the added business traffic. School size is slated by increase in residents and this adds an increase for school taxes. Historic sites in Moon Township should be recognized. Keep the green space just that, green space. I agree we need more family restaurants in Moon Township.

Ms. McCullough, Gladdwood Road, feels Moon Township needs a Town Center and the Fire Department and Library need more room.

Mr. Bersik, Nyetimber Parkway, said think of Moon Township in 50 years and what we need is a signature building.

Mr. Bross wanted to add that one thing he learned while running for office is some residents in Bon Meade Plan and the Whispering Woods area feel left out of the community.

Ms. Northy, Hayeswold Drive, I would like to see the area in which Miller Hardware, Carnot Beer Distributor, and the old Moon Township Public Works Garage turn into a village area. Also Moon Township needs a community pool. Moon should also try to get the overhead utilities moved underground.

Ms. Mills would like to see Moon Township be a destination for people rather than passing through Moon Township to get to their destination, we need to keep that idea in mind when developing. There is no entertainment here such as bowling alley, movie theaters, etc. we need to look at a 25 year plan to bring entertainment here.

Mr. Melton asked about Park Development for the future.

Mr. Bross said we have a Park & Recreation Master Plan for Moon Township, a Community Center a pool are part of the phases. We believe are starting Phase II now I think. Mr. Bross asked if disk could be made of the Master Plan and given to the Planning Commission members.

Ms. Mills feels Robert Morris University is a great asset for the township and could give us good input into future development and what services we could provide for students attending Robert Morris.

Mr. Bross agreed with Ms. Mills that Robert Morris's input is needed for future development.

Mr. McGurk is scheduling a meeting to discuss with Robert Morris their future plans for development and Moon Township's plans for future development.

Mr. Magalotti, Trans Associate- Moon Township Traffic Engineer) provided an overview of the Township's traffic effort since the 2000 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Magalotti also provided several ideas for transportation as it relates to the 2000 Comprehensive Plan Update (see Exhibit B for Comprehensive Plan Summary of Previous Studies And Potential Update Approaches). Mr. Magalotti also reviewed the Draft Airport-Moon Development District as developed by Moon Transportation Authority.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. D'Andrea made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. Mills

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. D'Andrea-yes, Ms. Mills-yes, Mr. Bross- yes, Mr. Melton-yes, Mr. Ratchkauskas-yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Shandrick