# WEST NANTMEAL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES 455 North Manor Road, Elverson, PA 19520 July 28, 2025

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Planning Commission: Dane Moyer, Chairperson, Robert Baskin, Vice-Chairperson, Dan Dierksheide, Curtis Lammey, and Nelson Beam. Jaime Coffman and Dan Collmann were absent.

Consultants: Craig Kologie and Emily Yatron of Castle Valley Consultants

Staff: Lisa Gardner

Public: See attached sign-in sheet

# **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Dierksheide moved to approve the June minutes and Mr. Baskin seconded. Mr. Moyer called for discussion, and there being none, called the vote. All were in favor.

# **Audience**

There were no comments.

### **Old Business**

# Rouse Chamberlin Brick Lane Sketch Plan

Mr. Jon Penders, Mr. Logan Zysk, and Mr. Greg Graham, attended to obtain feedback on the latest sketch plan for single-family detached homes in the C1 Zoning District. This plan has emergency access from southern Brick Lane and the main access from state route 23/Ridge Road. It also provides future connectivity on the south side via a cul-de-sac.

This plan is in response to the PC Members wanting access from Ridge Road but this change increased the estimated development costs. Therefore, Rouse-Chamberlin Homes increased the density to 30 lots (lots to be less than half an acre) also reducing the buffer for surrounding existing homes.

- 1. Parking prompted a curbing and emergency access discussion.
- 2. The post office will require a central delivery station.
- 3. Mr. Steve Keech spoke in opposition to the density and felt Road C was too dense. Also, mentioned were the 3-story townhomes on an earlier sketch plan that caused sight issues

- and single homes causing buffering problems. He mentioned a traffic problem since travelers use Brick Lane to cross through from state route 401.
- 4. Mr. Marion Rusano spoke about tight property lines, lack of buffering, density being too high, and not enough parking, making the emergency access a likely spot to park, but hard to police.
- Mr. Luke Stoltzfus clarified that there would need to be a text amendment for the CI district.
- 6. Supervisor Beam would like to see the lots pulled away from existing homes, to increase the buffer zone, and for engineers to strategically add parking.
- 7. Members had mixed opinions about townhomes vs. single-family detached homes.

Although Rouse Chamberlin satisfied density and Open Space requirements with this version, they were asked to return with a revision that:

- Gives existing neighbors better buffering
- Uses single-family detached homes
- Has less density

## 165 Reeder Road Zoning Hearing Application

Mr. Matthew McKeon, Esq. of MacElree Harvey, Ltd., attended with the applicant, Mr. Omar King, to request a recommendation for a Zoning Hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7 p.m. Mr. McKeon shared 3 points:

1-Mr. King wants to build a 12-foot-high wooden privacy fence.

Variance points (2) from 2024 Zoning Hearing Conditions-

- 2-Mr. King wants to change his operating hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be open until 6 p.m.
- 3-Mr. King wants to be able to process pork also, that would be delivered.

Ms. Yamarick, a nearby neighbor, stated she did not want to see a 12-foot-high fence. Supervisor Beam asked about the pork process vs. odor for neighbors. Mr. Wright stated that operating hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. were established by Mr. King at the Zoning Hearing one year ago.

The PC made no recommendations on the variance concerns. The PC recommended to oppose a 12-foot-high fence.

# Township Comprehensive Plan

Members reviewed the Future Land Use segment of the draft plan.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, Mr. Beam moved to adjourn and Mr. Baskin seconded. Mr. Moyer called for discussion and there being none, adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Nantmeal Township Building, 455 North Manor Road, Elverson, PA.

Respectfully,

Lisa Gardner

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