

Bern Township Planning Commission Meeting of April 12, 2022

Present: Planning Commission: Steve Tricarico, James Dailey, Glenn Sweigert, Michael Werley, and Jim Rumbaugh

Also attending: Mr. Keith Mooney, Solicitor; Todd Greenawalt, Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Tricarico.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2022 was made and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Subdivision and Land Development Plans:

Penske Final Subdivision Plan: Steve Bensinger from Stackhouse Bensinger Inc. was in attendance representing the plan. Mr. Bensinger offered a brief overview of the proposed intent of the plan to subdivide the Hartman Family Partnership tract located in the southern side of Route 183 between Van Reed Road and Red Bridge Road into two lots. The SSM letter dated April 8, 2022 was discussed. Mr. Bensinger stated the proposed land development tract for this same site will be proposing to improve both Van Reed Road and onto Red Bridge Road and add curb and sidewalk along both roads. A motion was made to recommend the Board of Supervisors grant approval of the plan contingent on satisfying the outstanding items in the SSM letter and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Reitnouer Lot 2 Preliminary Subdivision Plan: Greg Bogia from Bogia Engineering was in attendance representing the plan. Mr. Bogia offered a brief overview of the proposed intent of the plan to subdivide an existing 71 acre tract of land owned by Reitnouer Real Estate LP located in the southeast and southwest quadrant of Stinson Drive and West Leesport Road into two separate lots. The SSM letter dated April 6, 2022 was discussed. Mr. Bogia agreed with the items in the letter. Mr. Mooney stated this site was subject to a very recent Zoning Hearing Board Decision. Mr. Mooney will review the Decision and determine if and how it relates to this subdivision plan. Mr. Mooney will provide his review to the all affected parties. A motion was made to recommend the Board of Supervisors grant approval of the plan contingent on satisfying the outstanding items in the SSM letter and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Berks Park 183 Buiding H Preliminary Land Development Plan: Jeremy Zaborowski, the Executive Director of the BCIDA was in attendance representing the plan. Mr. Zaborowski stated a meeting has been set up with SSM to discuss the plan and he requested to table any discussion until after the meeting takes place unless the Planning Commission members had any questions or comments related to the plan. The SSM letter dated April 8, 2022 was not discussed. I mentioned a separate Conditional Use Plan has been submitted to the Township for the proposed building on this plan. The Conditional Use Plan addresses the proposed building height to be greater than 35 feet as allowed by a Conditional Use procedure in the Township Ordinances. A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled with the Board of Supervisors in May. No further discussion occurred and no action was taken on the plan.

Solicitor: Mr. Mooney stated he had nothing to present.

Adjournment: A motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm and seconded and all in favor.