

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**March 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Planning Commission was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Upper Pottsgrove Administrative Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Elwood Taylor, Herb Miller, John Bealer and Donald Nice present. Also present were County Planner Michael Narcowich, Township Manager Jack Layne and Recording Secretary Michelle Reddick. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 6:00 p.m. There were 4 people in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion by Nice, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of February 8, as written. All aye votes.

**LED/DIGITAL SIGN REGULATIONS** – County Planner Mike Narcowich provided a brief power point presentation on samples of LED signs along with revised regulations for these types of signs. The Planning Commission along with Mr. Narcowich briefly revised the changes to the proposed regulations. He explained that LED signs are typically paired with the traditional sign and make up about one half of the size of the sign. In response to a question from Chairman Taylor, Mr. Narcowich advised that the definition for time and temperature signs is sufficient. In response to another question from Chairman Taylor, Mr. Narcowich advised that the regulations to not permit any moving, scrolling or pulsating LED signs. Mr. Narcowich explained that these types of signs will be permitted in the Retail Office, Limited Industrial and Route 100 overlay zoning districts. In response to a question from Chairman Taylor, Mr. Narcowich explained that the intent of restricting signs within 2,000 square feet of another is to prevent strip developing. The Planning Commission agreed to delete this requirement from the regulations. The Planning Commission directed Mr. Narcowich to review what was in the current sign ordinance for maximum number of signs permitted per property and setbacks for the signs and incorporate those requirements into these proposed regulations. The Planning Commission agreed to change the language for structures of LED signs to state that “freestanding LED signs must have sign posts with a minimum of 10 inches in diameter”. The Planning Commission further agreed that the letter height in electronic messages must be a minimum of 10 inches. The Planning Commission expressed concern regarding the color background of an LED sign when there is alphanumeric text. Mr. Narcowich agreed to research this matter. Mr. Narcowich also agreed to revise the proposed regulations in accordance with the discussion and provide revised regulations for discussion at the next meeting.

**REGUATIONS FOR PROJECTED SIGNS/MURALS** – County Planner Mike Narcowich provided revised regulations for projected signs and murals. The Planning Commission briefly reviewed the proposed regulations and noted only one change. It was agreed to change the existing definition to make it clearer. The Planning Commission agreed to table any recommendation on these regulations until they can finalize the regulations for LED/digital signs.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion by Miller, seconded by Nice, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Reddick, Recording Secretary