



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
Planning Commission
6 Township Drive
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James Quinn, Chairman
James Bulkley, Vice-Chairman

Kenneth Zitarelli
James Falcone
John Ibach
Samuel Yim
Albert DeFruscio

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

The Thornbury Township Planning Commission held a public meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a salute to the flag.

PRESENT: James Quinn, Chairman
James Bulkley
Ken Zitarelli
James Falcone
John Ibach
Wayne Grafton, Land Planner
James Byrne, Esq., PC Solicitor

ABSENT: Samuel Yim
Albert DeFruscio
Mike Ciocco
Jim Byrne and Wayne Graftonxxx

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 2

AGENDA

Mr. Quinn called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda, as follows:

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2024
4. Old Business:
 - a. (Revised) Outdoor Dining Ord. Draft 3, 2/26/24
5. Next Meeting: Wed., April 10, 2024 at 7 pm
6. Adjournment

1. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mr. Quinn led the salute to the flag.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Quinn asked for public comment on issues not on tonight's agenda. There were no comments from the public.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14, 2024:**

MOTION: *On a motion by Mr. Bulkley, and seconded by Mr. Ibach, with Mr. Zitarelli recusing himself as he was absent at that meeting, all other members present voted in favor of approving the February 14, 2024 minutes, as presented.*

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **(Revised) Outdoor Dining Ord. Draft 3, 2/26/24**

Mr. Bulkley reviewed Bucks and Montgomery County’s Outdoor Dining Ordinance and reported that they prohibit amplified music or sound. The draft before us recommends that we follow the PA Liquor Control Board’s Code and felt that enforcement would be difficult. Mr. Bulkley suggested that the Planning Commission recommend the following: (1) no tvs or speakers/amplified music, or sound deadening fences/walls, as they may not be high enough, attractive, or do the job; (2) no outdoor bar service, so that customers must go inside for a drink; (3) all trash from outdoor area must be removed daily, (4) subject to the Building Code and have a sufficient number of bathroom facilities to handle the outdoor patrons, which includes public sewer and on-site septic; and (5) no outdoor play areas or equipment. The members then discussed Mr. Bulkley’s recommendations and findings and agreed that the “conditional use” process should not be used here and also recommended that the Supervisors review and clarify G (1) and (2).

Mr. Quinn opened up the discussion to the public:

Lee Weersing, 370 Glen Mills Rd., stated he did not want amplified music and that sound walls won’t work and thanked the members for their efforts. Mr. Weersing felt that the State Police would not respond and come out for any of these violations.

Ric Miller stated he was opposed to tv or video display that could be amplified with speakers or sound bars; and that outdoor child play areas should be limited to a specified area and be supervised.

MOTION: *On a motion by Mr. Bulkley and seconded by Mr. Ibach, all members present voted in favor of recommending adoption of the Revised Outdoor Dining Ordinance, Draft 3, dated 2/26/24 conditioned upon the following:*

(1) prohibiting items L (1), (2), (3), & (4)

(2) public sewer/septic systems and parking must be able to handle the outdoor extra seating.

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5. **NEXT MEETING:** April 10, 2024 at 7 pm
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mr. Ibach, seconded by Mr. Zitarelli, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli, Secretary
Planning Commission

cc: Planning Commission Members
Board of Supervisors
Kenneth D. Kynett, Esq.
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager
James Byrne, Esq

Michael Ciocco, Township Engineer
Wayne Grafton, Land Planner
Melissa Castagliuolo, Subdivision Coordinator
Suzanne Howat, Bookkeeper