

Activities of the Planning Commission

By James Sanford, Planning Commission Chairman

Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

Your Planning Commission has been very active over the last few months. Although the “Great Recession” has brought subdivision and new construction nearly to a standstill, there has been much to do. First, we have finished work on the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan with Finleyville Borough. This project has been working for several years, and you may remember that it started as a four (4) municipality plan. As the situation evolved to just Nottingham and Finleyville, it became clear that the plan needed significant revision. The Nottingham Township Planning Commission took lead for the edits, and there were several meetings with Finleyville officials over the last 18 months or so. The plan is finally complete, has been distributed to adjacent municipalities and other agencies as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), and is available in the Township Office for public review and comment. There will be a joint Finleyville Borough/Nottingham Township public hearing on June 7, 2010 in the Nottingham Township Building at 7:00 p.m. during the Board of Supervisor’s regular meeting.

Storm Water Ordinance

The Planning Commission has been working with the Township Engineer on an ordinance for the management of storm water. This ordinance is required by federal and state law. Recently, Washington County has had a model ordinance drafted, which we will review. The final draft is expected to be released from the County this summer. Once received, we will compare it against our draft, and proceed. Townships will have six (6) months to adopt the County’s model ordinance or their own. We have worked hard to ensure that our ordinance will be easy for the average homeowner to understand and follow. The Township Engineer and I recently attended a briefing on the County’s model ordinance. Many changes were suggested by attendees. The difficult engineering requirements are reserved for the major developments like *Strabane Square* or *The Foundary*, which require a significant engineering effort anyway. Once we have a draft ordinance it will be available for public review and comment, and a public meeting will be held.

Proposed Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance—We need your input!

The Board of Supervisors has asked the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance regarding the use of all-terrain and off-road vehicles within the Township. While proscribing operation where such operation is disruptive or not appropriate, we have carefully avoided any impact on farming, hunting, or snow removal. This draft is available for review at the Township Office or on the Township Website at



www.nottinghamtwp.com. Public comment will be received and is requested, at the May 10, 2010 Planning Commission’s regular meeting. All Planning Commission meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. We encourage your attendance.

The Planning Commission workshop meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month following the Board of Supervisor's meeting. At the workshop meeting the public has the opportunity to ask questions, seek advice on subdivision or other development issues, and informally meet with the Board. No action is taken at the workshop meeting. The regular meeting is held the following Monday; this meeting is our forum for official action. You are encouraged to attend any and all Township meetings.

Primary Election Day – Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Polls open from 7AM to 8 PM

Don't Forget to Vote!

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Message from Chairman Ray Barley

Township Considers Construction of New Municipal Building

The Board of Supervisors authorized Gerard Associates Architects to proceed with architectural drawings for a proposed 5,000 square foot Township office building during their April 5, 2010 regular meeting. This project has been under discussion for the past six months and the Board has now opted to formalize the design and plans. This will enable the Township to acquire actual construction costs and final decisions if and when we proceed to actual building construction.

The Board has determined that a need exists for a separate office building but will not proceed if the costs of construction exceed our ability to fund the project using Capital Reserve funds and limited mortgage debt. No tax increase will be used to fund this proposed project. Once the plan completion date is known, the Board will schedule a Public Meeting to give residents an opportunity to view the plans, ask questions and voice their concerns. This date will be advertised in the *Observer-Reporter* newspaper and listed on the website at www.nottinghamtp.com.

“Single Stream” Recycling Site coming to Nottingham Township

After months of negotiating the terms of an agreement with Washington County for the installation of a “single stream” recycling center, the agreement has been fully executed by both the Township and County. The site will be placed adjacent to the Township Building and will be funded by a federal grant received by the County. Once installed and in operation, the Township will be responsible for the costs of operation. We are anticipating that the majority of these costs will be covered by revenue received from the recycled materials.

Now that the agreement is behind us, the final designs, construction documents, and bidding process can move forward. An optimistic schedule may have the facility in operation by the end of summer 2010. No separation of the recyclable materials will be required. Be sure to check the Township website for updates on the installation progress and details about the program.

Stay informed!

2010 Census is in our Hands – Make Nottingham Count

Census Day (April 1, 2010) has officially passed, but it's not too late for residents to fill out their census forms! The U.S. Postal Service delivered census forms to households in March, and in the upcoming months census takers will be following up with households that **did not** return the questionnaires. We encourage all residents in the community who have not yet completed a questionnaire either to fill out the form themselves or to cooperate with census takers who contact them for the information. If you have not received a census form you may call the 2010 Census HOTLINE toll-free at 866-872-6868.

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Filling out the census form should take no longer than 10 minutes. The 2010 questionnaire is one (1) of the shortest in history with only 10 questions to complete. The questions include information about the number of people living in the home as of April 1, home ownership, and general details such as gender, age, and race on each person in the household.

Remember, the census is important for Nottingham Township's fair share of Liquid Fuels Funds, federal funding and Pennsylvania's representation in Congress. Your involvement does matter and will determine if the commonwealth and communities like Nottingham gain, or lose, in Census 2010.

For more information visit the Census website at www.2010.census.gov.

Game Commission to monitor “Old Country Club” Property

Daniel Sitler, Wildlife Conservation Officer, Washington County, will be monitoring the “Old Country Club” property located in the area of Munntown and Patterson roads in the Township. Officer Sitler is requesting assistance from residents in the area who observe any suspicious and/or illegal activities on this property to report it to him immediately! Officer Sitler can be reached by contacting the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 724-238-9523.

He needs your help!

Jim Ramsey appointed to Township Planning Commission

Jim Ramsey was appointed to the Nottingham Township Planning Commission by the Board of Supervisors on November 16, 2010, and has been attending the workshop and regular planning meetings since that time. Mr. Ramsey will be completing two (2) years of a four (4)-year term ending in January 2012.

Mr. Ramsey has been active in Public Safety as a Pittsburgh Police Officer, Detective, Special Agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and a Special Investigator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Jim has retired from government and presently is a Private Investigator and investigates both civil and criminal investigations. Jim was a lead Agent in the investigation of Frank Lucus and Leslie Atkinson, the “American Gangster”. He also asked Nancy Reagan to push the “Just Say No” campaign concerning drug involvement.

Jim and his wife Ginny reside in the Nottingham Forest Development. Jim and Ginny have three (3) adult children and six (6) grandchildren. Welcome Jim!



On occasion Nottingham Township will have positions available for various Boards. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity let us know. Send letters of interest to Nottingham Township, 909 Sugar Run Road, Eighty Four, PA, or contact us through the Township website www.nottinghamtwp.com. We would love to hear from you!

Recreation Board Update

The Nottingham Township Recreation Board and Township Supervisors would like to invite all residents to take part in the “Nottingham Township Annual Cleanup” beginning Saturday, April 24 and running through Saturday, May 1, 2010. Pick a date that works for you. Residents are being encouraged to make a special effort to clean up any litter in their neighborhoods. The Township would like to hear about your efforts! Call or email the Township about your completed work. If you need to request the Public Works Department to pick-up large amounts of collected litter, let us know.

Township to hold Electronics Recycling at Municipal Building

The Recreation Board, along with assistance from the Public Works Department, will be accepting electronic recyclables at the Municipal Building parking lot on August 28, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. – noon. This collection will coincide with an electronics collection planned by the County on that same day at the County Fairgrounds. The other electronics recycling collection scheduled by the County will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Market House, 423 McKean Avenue, Charleroi Borough. For further information you may call 724-942-4993.

Electronic items include computer monitors (CRTs and LCDs), computer towers and bases (CPUs), mice, keyboards, speakers, notebook computers, printers, copiers and fax machines, telephone equipment, testing & lab equipment, televisions (CRTs and LCDs), non-freon containing household appliances (white goods), lead acid automobile batteries, answering machines, radios and typewriters.

For more information on the electronics collection and fees that may apply, visit the Washington County Planning Commission website www.co.washington.pa.us or call 724-228-6811.

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be holding a “hard to recycle” event on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Steel City Harley Davidson, Route 19 and Race Track Road, Washington, PA, between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. “Hard to recycle” items include tires, e-waste, useable building materials, medical supplies, cell phones, alkaline batteries, CFL’s and Printer//Toner Cartridges. For more information on other dates, locations and fees visit the PRC website www.prc.org or call 412-488-7490 ext. 236.

Sherwood Park Update

The Recreation Board would like to take this opportunity to inform residents that our new tennis court will be available for use, on a first come first serve basis, by approximately mid-May. The tennis court is located in the lower Sherwood Park area next to the basketball court. Come take a drive through your park and check it out. You may notice the new safety fencing on our tot lot and volleyball court areas. The nature walking trail has been extended, too! If you haven’t been to Sherwood Park, what are you waiting for?

Bonfire Event to be held October 2, 2010

Mark your calendars for the Community Bonfire event being held the evening of Saturday, October 2, 2010. The event will be held at Sherwood Park located at the Municipal Complex, 909 Sugar Run Road. Free food and entertainment will be provided. All you need to do is bring a chair or blanket and enjoy!



Building and Construction

As summer approaches, so does the building season. A building permit is required when planning to construct, enlarge, alter repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation which is regulated by the Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

Please keep in mind that all outdoor swimming pools (to include in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pools, hot tubs and spas) decks, sheds and fences are required to attain zoning certification and/or building permits. If you have any questions on your particular construction project do not hesitate to contact the Township Office at 724-348-5622 or one of the contacts listed below.

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2010 Nottingham Township Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors – First and Third Monday of each month, except the first meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Second Monday of each month.

Planning Commission Agenda Meeting (workshop for residents) – First Tuesday following the first Board of Supervisor's meeting of each month, except the September agenda meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

Recreation Board – Fourth Monday of every other month (January, March, May, July, and September).

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