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ORDINANCE 601

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION

601.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions of words in this Ordinance are listed alphabetically in the Definitions Dictionary located at the beginning of the combined Ordinances of Delaware Township. These definitions are an integral part of the Ordinances of Delaware Township, which are incomplete without them.

601.2 CREATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

The Delaware Township Planning Commission is created as of the effective date of this Ordinance, in accordance with the authority granted by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of 1968, as amended (MPC).

601.2 NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND TERM

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of four (4) years from the date of appointment or until such time thereafter a successor is appointed. The members of the present Planning Commission shall constitute the initial membership of the Planning Commission established herein.

601.3 QUALIFICATION

All members of the Planning Commission shall be residents of Delaware Township. Five (5) members shall not be officers or employees of the Township.

601.4 APPOINTMENT

All members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

601.5 VACANCY

The Chairman of the Planning Commission shall promptly notify the Board of Supervisors of any vacancy that occurs, and the Board shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

601.6 REMOVAL

Any member of the Planning Commission may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in office, or for such other just cause as may be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors taken after such member has received fifteen (15) days notice of the intention of the Board to take such a vote. If a member who has received such notice desires a hearing, such hearing shall be requested in writing. No decision shall be made by the Board of Supervisors until after the hearing has been held.

601.7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Planning Commission shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman and create and fill such other offices as it determines are necessary for its operation. Such officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The election of officers shall take place annually at the Planning Commission's re-organization meeting, which shall be held in conjunction with its regularly scheduled meeting in January of each year.

601.8 RECORDS AND REPORTS

The Planning Commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall make a written report of its activities for the previous calendar year to the Board of Supervisors by March 1 of each year. In addition, the Planning Commission shall make interim reports as often as requested by the Supervisors.

601.9 MEETINGS

The Planning Commission shall hold a public meeting at least once a month, on a fixed day to be established each year at the re-organization meeting. The Planning Commission shall also hold such special meetings as may be required to allow it to conduct its business and to take the actions required of it pursuant to any Ordinance of the Township.

601.10 ADVISORY CAPACITY

The Planning Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and shall make such suggestions or recommendations as may be requested by the Board to effectuate its Ordinances or the Municipalities Planning Code.

601.11 DUTIES

The Planning Commission shall:

A. Prepare a comprehensive plan for the development of Delaware Township.

B. Maintain and keep on file at the Township Building records of its actions taken pursuant to any Ordinance of the Township. All records and files of the Planning Commission shall be in the possession of the Board of Supervisors.

C. Hold public hearings and meetings required of it by any Ordinance of the Township.

D. Submit to the Board of Supervisors in sufficient time for the preparation of the Township's budget for the ensuing year, a proposed, prioritized budget setting forth the needs of the Planning Commission for that year.

601.12 POWERS

The Planning Commission shall, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, have the power to:

A. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.

B. Prepare a Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Municipalities Planning Code and make recommendations concerning amendments thereto.

C. Prepare, recommend, and administer subdivision and land development, and planned residential development regulations.

D. Prepare and present ordinances and amendments to ordinances to the Board of Supervisors.

E. Accomplish such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Municipalities Planning Code.

F. Accomplish all actions required of it by the Ordinances of Delaware Township, whether presently in effect or hereafter adopted.

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G. Promote public interest in and understanding of planning and the comprehensive plan.

H. With the consent of the owner, enter upon any land to make examinations and conduct surveys in the performance of its duties pursuant to any Ordinance of the Township.

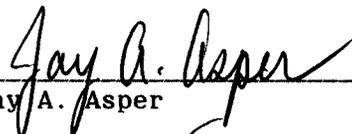
601.13 ENACTMENT

The enactment of this Ordinance shall supercede and act as repealer of Delaware Township Ordinance 7 and any other Ordinance inconsistent herewith.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this 21 day of November, 1986.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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