

**RICE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
RICE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
3000 CHUCH ROAD  
MOUNTAIN TOP, PA 18707**

**MINUTES  
February 24, 2021**

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting were available to the public by email and when the building reopens to the public. Chairman Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. It was announced that the meeting was recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the video. The attendance was limited to those wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The meeting was also being conducted using ZOOM.

**ROLL CALL:**  
**Richard Arnold - here**  
**Mark Manosky - here**  
**Tom Romanyshyn - absent**  
**Bob Smith - here**  
**Paul Ward - here**

Also in attendance were: Developer Matt McGowan and via ZOOM, Chad Sweigart from the Solicitor's office and Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Arnold called for public comment but there was none.

**MOTION** by Arnold, seconded by Ward, to accept the minutes of the reorganization and regular meetings held on January 27, 2021.

Roll Call. Arnold - yes    Manosky – yes    Romanyshyn -    Smith - yes    Ward - yes  
Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

Update on the proposal for a minor subdivision by John Giampietro and Presidential Land Holdings, Inc. along Heslop Road.

McGowan reviewed the purpose and outcome of this subdivision. Responding to Smith, McGowan explained that Presidential Lands was not selling any parcel, that the new deeds were written and acknowledged the Township right-of-way on Heslop Road, Manosky asked about the "no turn around" sign at the end of Heslop. McGowan noted that was not part of this subdivision. Pasonick explained that the parcel with the house was non-conforming and that was noted on the plans. On a separate issue, Pasonick told McGowan to send road deeds of dedication to him for preliminary review, and then the dedication request would go to the Board of Supervisors, not the Planning Commission.

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**MOTION** by Smith, seconded by Ward, to approve the proposed minor subdivision as presented.  
Roll Call. Arnold - yes    Manosky – yes    Romanyshyn -    Smith - yes    Ward - yes  
Motion Carried.

**New Business:**

Review of the Planning Commission Annual Report for 2020.


**MOTION** by        Manosky, second by Ward, to adopt the Annual Report for 2020 as presented and submit to the Board of Supervisors at their March 2, 2021 meeting.  
Roll Call. Arnold - yes    Manosky - yes    Romanyshyn -    Smith -yes    Ward - yes  
Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Arnold called for public comment but there was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by        Arnold, second by Ward, to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.  
Roll Call. Arnold - yes    Manosky – yes    Romanyshyn -    Smith - yes    Ward - yes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jeffrey D. Beck  
Secretary