

By-Laws for Franklin Township Planning Commission

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Franklin Township Planning Commission.

Article II: Authorization

Section 1. The Planning Commission is created under authority of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of July 31, 1968, as amended, as set forth in Section 201, by the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. This document is created because of a loss of the original due to a municipal fire.

Article III: Members

Section 1. The term of office of members shall be four (4) years and shall expire December 31, or until a successor is appointed.

Section 2. In the event of vacancies the governing body shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired period of the term. Members whose terms have expired shall hold office until their successors have been appointed.

Section 3. All members of the Commission shall reside within Franklin Township.

Section 4. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 5. Members may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office, or for other just cause. Action to remove shall be in accordance with Section 206 of the MPC.

Section 6. Members shall be required to attend not less than 75% of all regular and work session meetings of the commission in a calendar year.

Section 7. Failure to attend meetings as required by Section 6, or absence from four successive meetings, shall be considered cause for removal.

Article IV: Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Planning Commission shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson.

Section 2: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Planning Commission. The Chairperson shall appoint members of standing committees. The Chairperson may appoint special committees and appoint the members of such committees. The Chairperson may call special meetings of the Commission.

Section 3. The Chairperson shall promptly notify the governing body of any vacancy on the commission.

Section 4. The Chairperson shall have the privilege of participating in the discussion of all matters and voting on all matters before the Planning Commission.

Section 5. The Chairperson shall be one of the citizen members of the Planning Commission.

Section 6. The term of office of the Chairperson shall be one (1) year.

Section 7. The Vice Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence and shall be a citizen member of the Planning Commission.

The term of office of the Vice Chairperson shall be one (1) year.

Article IX: Employees

Section 1. The Commission, within the resources provided by the governing body, may employ such staff and/or experts as it sees fit to aid the Commission in its work.

Appointments shall be made by a majority vote of the entire membership.

Article X: Public Meetings and Hearings

Section 1. In addition to those required by law, the Commission may at its discretion hold public meetings, as defined in Section 107 of the MPC, when it decides that such hearings will be in the public interest.

Section 2. Notice of such hearings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation as defined in the Sunshine Act (Act 84 of 1986 as amended). Public notice shall be given of each special meeting or rescheduled regular meeting at least 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.

Section 3. A record shall be kept of those attending the commission meetings.

Section 4. Public notice is not required in the case of an emergency meeting or a conference.

Section 5. If the governing body has delegated the authority to approve applications under the subdivision and land development ordinance as provided in Section 501 of the MPC, or in accordance with Section 702 pertaining to planned residential development regulations, the commission shall conduct public hearings in accordance with requirements for public notice, as defined and required in Section 107 of the MPC.

Article XI: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Planning Commission.

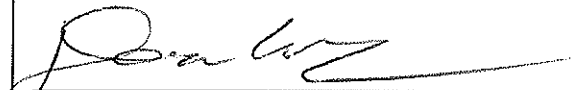
Adopted this 5th day of July 2016.



Planning Commission Chairperson



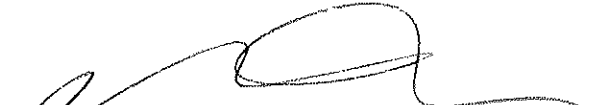
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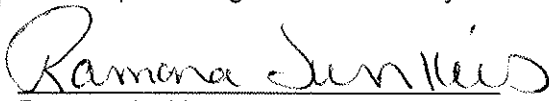
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Attest:

I, Ramona Junkins, Secretary, Franklin Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Franklin Township Planning Commission's By Laws adopted July 5, 2016.



Ramona Junkins
Secretary