

**RAPHO TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order at the Rapho Township office by Chairman Jay Gainer at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.** In attendance were Dennis Shellenberger, Howard Boyd, Carrol Ehrhart, Jay Gainer, Jim Caldwell, RETTEW, and Sara Gibson.

**The minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Ms. Ehrhart. All in favor.**

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Review and comment on proposed amendment to Township's Act 537 plan  
Special study area along the Route 72 corridor from Turnpike crossing south to Cider  
Press Road**

Mr. Caldwell reviewed the proposed amendment to the Township's Act 537. He said this had been prepared in accordance with instructions provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Township had been found in violation of our Act 537 plan by DEP, due to the continued use of a holding tank for sewage disposal at the Hampton Inn, 2764 Lebanon Road.

He reported that RETTEW had looked at 23 different sites in the study area, including the Renaissance Faire, which is served by a community treatment plant, the Hampton Inn, which is served by a holding tank (a failing condition), and the remaining properties, which are served by on-lot septic system.

He noted that water samples were required to be taken as part of the amendment process, and a few were found to have traces of E.coli, but that is not abnormal in Lancaster County. Some had nitrate levels that were also within normal range for the County.

He explained that the amendment has been advertised for public comment. He said it had also been submitted to the Lancaster County Planning Commission, where it was expected be reviewed on July 8. Mr. Caldwell said that in order to comply with DEP's directive, we must respond within 120 days, so the Board of Supervisors will act to forward the plan at their meeting on July 18.

Mr. Caldwell said that the Commission had also been asked to comment on the plan as part of the public review process.

**Ms. Ehrhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger, to recommend approval of the amendment with no additional comment. All in favor.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Gibson updated the Commission on the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium grant that had been received by the Township to support a streambank restoration at Hollinger's Equipment at 1617 Lebanon Road.

Mrs. Gibson also advised the group that the Township's Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4) permit had been received from DEP. The Township will have to begin to implement the MS4 requirements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara M. Gibson  
Township Manager