

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Barbara D'Angelo at 7:30 PM

Planning Commission Members present:

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| Barbara D'Angelo | Jim Mackrell  | John Frommeyer |
| Bill Moore       | Janet Grashof |                |

Others Present:

Craig Kologie representing Castle Valley Consultants  
Ann Hutchinson representing Natural Lands Trust

**Minutes**

The minutes of January 14, 2009 still need to be approved. Mrs. D'Angelo will incorporate her notes, and they should be ready for approval at the next work session.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance Review**

Discussion centered on proposed amendments of Article XIII, "FHWS" and timber harvesting

Ms. Hutchinson is working on a revised draft. She has also asked for comments from Mr. Tim Dugan, State District Forrester. Our suggested new ordinance tries to steer applicant into a state program similar to the Penn State Stewardship Program. The Township would accept this as a permit. An applicant also could simply apply to the Township for a timber harvesting permit without joining the stewardship program. Timber harvesting is to be totally separate from "woodland preservation".

The Planning Commission still needs to go over definitions in this section. What/how the Township should regulate timber harvesting needs to be revisited. Road and erosion controls fall within this. Control over invasives within a timber harvesting operation also needs to be discussed further.

After viewing the 8/08 map, the need to increase the riparian buffer from 50 to 100 feet is a major item still to be resolved. What riparian buffers apply to needs further discussion. Every watercourse in the township should not necessarily have a buffer. Items questioned were downspout runoff, runoff from roadways, backyard ponds that are not connected to groundwater, etc. Crossings are regulated by the Commonwealth. FEMA language is all in there. Passive recreation must be defined.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. by Chairman D'Angelo. The next scheduled Meeting of the Planning Commission is October 28, 2009.

Submitted,

Chairwoman,

Janet Grashof

Barb D'Angelo