

Summary Report of Planning Commission **Meeting held on 12/6/2006**

Official Minutes can be found on the Exeter Township Website @ www.exetertownship.com. Residents of Exeter Township have compiled this summary from observations of the meeting.

Central Catholic High School Project:

The developer and the Allentown Diocese preliminary plans were approved with the stipulation of meeting the conditions as previously stated: traffic determination made and deemed not hazardous. The group was told they must comply with the original requirements set forth in the conditional use approval documents. Ritter Rd. must be widened to 24 feet and a solution must be made to address issues on Oley Turnpike Rd, Shelborne Rd., and Gibraltar Rd as well as addressing the traffic road/intersection congestion of Shelborne Rd. and Gibraltar Rd..

Attorney Koch stated that the Central Catholic group had met with Supervisor Ciotti regarding the berm issue. Supervisor Barbieri also gave his input concerning the berm and added his approval. Planner, Jack Bittig, stated that all of the supervisors must give their approval not just Ms. Ciotti and Mr. Barbieri. Mr. Koch then stated that the power to review the issue and to give the ok was granted to Ms. Ciotti.

Another topic of discussion was the one-room schoolhouse on the property. It was suggested by Mr. Bittig that the schoolhouse be moved to another location on Ritters Rd.. Further, it was suggested that the Central Catholic group work with the Exeter Township School District to resolve the issue.

As part of the conditional use requirements, the above-mentioned intersections will require turn lanes and traffic lights. The group must come back with plans to address these issues as well. Attorney Koch stated that Senator O'Pake got several bills passed in June and July that designate monies for use on these issues. Oley Turnpike Rd./Ritters Rd. was approved on 7/7/2006 for \$4.5M toward realignment and Rt. 562/Ritters Rd.

(Bill 874) was approved on 7/29/2006 for \$1M for bridge replacement at Ritters Rd..

A motion was made and approved by the planning commission to have the Central Catholic group send a letter to the Exeter Township School Board and School District to address the old one room schoolhouse and for all the parties of interest to be involved in the resolution of these problems. Mr. Koch stated that all involved must act now while monies are available from the state.

The Planning Commission will recommend that the Exeter Township Supervisors accept the Preliminary Plans with item 19 from 12/1/2006 being addressed. When the Final Plans are submitted it is to be addressed and the conditions must be met to get final approval.

Other Business:

The proposed changes to the zoning ordinance were discussed. Consensus was not reached on exact wording. This discussion was tabled until the workshop that will be conducted with the Supervisors on December 19th at 6:30 PM in the Township Building.