

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.
Avenue

January 9, 2012

4230 Iroquois

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.
Avenue

February 13, 2012

4230 Iroquois

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.
Avenue

March 12, 2012

4230 Iroquois

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

April 9, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

May 7, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, D. Olson, Secretary L. Wilczynski

1. December 12, 2011 minutes. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to approve the December 12, 2011 minutes; Mr. Culmer seconded. Motion carried.
2. Construction Containers. Chief Morell has concerns that emergency vehicles will not be able to get through streets if construction containers are placed on the street while contractors work on resident's properties and he thinks an ordinance needs to be written with language to prohibit placing the containers on the street. Discussion on the construction container ordinance was made with suggestions, such as the size of the container permitted, length of time the container could be used, what to do if there is no room on the property to store a container. Mr. Olson will call Pohls and Waste Management and check on the size of the containers that are most commonly used in Lawrence Park.
3. Mrs. Iobst reported on the April 12, 2012 meeting at Erie County Planning on hazard plan mitigation and gas wells. Mrs. Iobst learned at the meeting that Lawrence Park Township needed to have their hazard plan mitigation report passed by the Board before a more lengthy report would be required.
4. There was a discussion of snow removal. Mr. Culmer will review the police ordinance for the June 4, 2012 meeting.
5. At the June 4, 2012 meeting front yard parking will be addressed.
6. Mrs. Iobst requested the ordinance for the maximum tonnage of a truck to be parked in the township to be brought to the June 4, 2012 meeting.
7. There was a discussion to increase the percentage of the yard to be used to allow residents the availability to build on more of their property.

Mrs. Iobst made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Culmer seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

June 4, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

July 2, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, D. Olson, M. Karle., Secretary L. Wilczynski

Visitor: M. Kukla

1. Mark Kukla-Zoning. There was a discussion with Mark Kukla regarding the following zoning issues:
 - Parking vehicles in front yard.
 - Percentage of yard usable for additional building
 - Dumpsters
2. Elect Planning Commission Chairman. Mrs. Iobst nominated Mr. Culmer as the Planning Commission Chairman; Mr. Karle seconded. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.
3. May 7, 2012 minutes. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes; Mr. Olson seconded. Motion carried.
4. Dumpsters. Mr. Olson contacted Waste Management and Pro Waste and reported that any size of dumpster can be delivered and put wherever the resident wants unless there is a legal or safety issue. Discussion followed on having a permit required before placing the dumpster at a property. If dumpster were to be placed in the street, asking the police to mark off a temporary no parking zone opposite where the dumpster is placed. Mr. Kukla was asked to see if he could find an ordinance written in Pittsburgh for dumpster placement as the streets in Pittsburgh are narrow like they are in Lawrence Park.
5. Parking on Lawn. Discussion took place regarding people parking on their front lawn. A possible solution was to notify people by using the Lawrence Park newspaper that there is an ordinance in place against parking on the lawn and it will be enforced.
6. New Business. Mrs. Iobst reported on the Erie County Planning meeting she attended. The items discussed were Trash/Recycling Management and the 2013 Transportation Program.

Mrs. Iobst also reported that according to Chief Cadwallader, the tornado warning system for Lawrence Park Township can be handled by East County.

Mrs. Iobst made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

August 6, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, D. Olson, M. Karle., Secretary L. Wilczynski

1. Minutes. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to approve the July 2, 2012 minutes; Mr. Olson seconded. Motion carried

2. Review Mark Kukla's remarks. Discussion of Mark Kukla's remarks on dumpster placement took place and the use of the City of Erie's application used by city residents when they need to use a temporary storage unit or dumpster. Using the City of Erie's application, Mr. Olson submitted a rough draft of an ordinance regarding the temporary placement of a construction dumpster. Mr. Karle stated that the ordinance needs to be kept simple so it will not impede people from keeping up their house and yards. Discussion on who should initiate the application took place. Mr. Olson will check with Chief Morell regarding the requirements for the placement of construction dumpsters. Planning will discuss and finish up the ordinance and application at the September meeting.

3. Old Business. Discussion took place and it has been noticed that residents are starting to be notified to move their cars when they are parked on their front yards.

Mrs. Iobst commented that Mr. Lewis was to write up the final tornado plan. The General Electric siren will sound to warn of a tornado but it will have a different sound than it currently has.

4. New Business. Mrs. Iobst stated that a long range plan is needed. It was discussed that a meeting with the commissioners was needed to let Planning know what the commissioners wanted and what the needs are. It was also discussed that planning should take a look at the Lawrence Park Township long-range plan.

Mr. Olson made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

September 10, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, M. Karle., Secretary L. Wilczynski

1. Planning discussed the language to be added to Code 668.03 to be sent to the Commissioners regarding recreational fires such as those used to cook food or in a fire pit. Mr. Karle made the motion to approve the language for recreational fires to be sent to the Board of Commissioners; Mr. Culmer seconded. Motion carried.
2. Minutes. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to approve the August 6, 2012 minutes; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried
3. Dumpsters. Mr. Olson was not present for the meeting and no updates on the dumpster application were available.
4. Snow Removal. Code 1448.11 Yard and Sidewalk Maintenance Requirements was discussed in the area of snow removal. Language was drafted as an addendum to section (b) to be labeled as (4) F. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to accept the language for snow removal to be added to code 1448.11 Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried
5. New Business. Mr. Culmer will further investigate the tornado warning system.

Planning would like to go over the Joint Comprehensive Plan and then meet with the commissioners.

Mrs. Iobst made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

October 1, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, M. Karle, D. Olson, Secretary L. Wilczynski

1. Minutes. Mrs. Iobst made the motion to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried
2. Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Iobst made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners at the September 11, 2012 meeting regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Iobst suggested that her husband could facilitate the meetings with the Commissioners in January, 2013 to discuss an action plan and time line to complete the actions suggested in the Comprehensive Plan.
3. Zoning Request per Commissioner Lewis. There was discussion of Commissioner Lewis' request for drafting a zoning ordinance. Further clarification is needed from Commissioner Lewis on how far the ordinance is to go. Pictures of houses on Rankine Ave. were shown by Mr. Karle. After viewing the pictures, discussion took place on how the unity of the row houses in Lawrence Park after renovations is being lost and the deterioration of some houses that is taking place. An ordinance was suggested to be written to require that houses are to be repaired and maintained. It was also discussed that real estate agencies could give prospective home owners the ordinance that explains what process needs to be followed to do construction on houses and what is required to be done to maintain the house and yard. Mr. Olson stated that writing an ordinance regarding repairs of houses could be a slippery slope as some residents don't have the finances to repair their houses. The ordinance should only focus on health/safety issues. It was mentioned that grants to help with the cost could be applied for.

Chief Morell will be asked to attend the December 2012 meeting regarding the requirements needed for placing dumpsters on the street.

Mrs. Iobst made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

November 5, 2012

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present: Members T. Culmer, M. Iobst, M. Karle, D. Olson, Secretary L. Wilczynski

Visitor: Mark Kukla

1. Minutes. The October 1, 2012 minutes were approved after a correction to Mr. Olson's statement. Mr. Olson's statement should be changed to read 'the ordinance should only focus on health and safety issues' not 'the ordinance should start with health and safety issues'. Mr. Olson made the motion to approve the October 1, 2012 minutes; Mr. Karle seconded. Motion carried
2. Snow Removal. Mr. Culmer stated that the Snow Removal Ordinance was approved for publication by the Board of Commissioners.
3. Dumpster Placement. Mr. Culmer spoke with Chief Morell and was told that it is illegal to place a dumpster in the street. Clarification from Chief Morell is needed to finish up with the ordinance.
4. Tornado Warning. Mr. Culmer looked into if Iroquois High School had a tornado siren and found out that it is in limbo if it exists or not. Mr. Crotty and Mrs. Armstrong will be meeting to discuss.
5. Joint Comprehensive Plan for Lawrence Park Township. A letter will be sent to the Board of Commissioners asking them to attend meetings in January 2013 to discuss the Joint Comprehensive Plan. In regards to Commissioner Lewis's request regarding home modifications, Mr. Kukla was asked if there was an ordinance already in place regarding permits for home modifications. Mr. Kukla said yes there is code 1262.03 and there is information also on the Lawrence Park web site with information on what modifications need permits. It was discussed that there should be a statement in the next newsletter to say that if you are planning on modifying your home, building or property (ie., sheds decks garages), please check with the zoning office to see if a permit is required.

Mr. Karle made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Olson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wilczynski
Assist. Township Secretary

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.
Avenue

December 3, 2012

4230 Iroquois

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum