

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of January 15, 2025**

Present: Rich Valiga, Vice-Chair
Maureen Nunn
Rusty Beardsley
Danielle Porreca
Michael Mrozinski
Craig Adams

Patty Furber, B&Z Administrator

Absent: Craig Melograno, Chairman

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Lower Gwynedd Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2024

A motion was made by Ms. Porreca and seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the minutes of the Lower Gwynedd Township Planning Commission meeting of November 20, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Reorganization of the Planning Commission:

A motion was made by Mr. Valiga to keep the board as-is and seconded by Ms. Porreca:

- Chairman: Mr. Craig Melograno
- Vice Chair: Mr. Rich Valiga
- Secretary: Ms. Patty Furber
- Vice Secretary: Ms. Jamie Worman

The motion passed with a 6-0 vote

Conditional Use:

Lower Gwynedd Little League - Sponsorship Signage

#25-01CU

Present for the application were little league board members: Mr. Adam Taylor, Mr. Jeff Carcione and Mr. Anthony LaGreca. Mr. Taylor started off by introducing himself, Mr. Carcione and Mr. LaGreca, stating that they are three out of a thirteen-member board for the Lower Gwynedd Little League.

Mr. Valiga asked if the proposed scoreboards would be the same size as the existing scoreboards. Mr. Carcione stated that they would be the same width but there would be a difference in height. Mr. Carcione stated that the Bob Strimel Memorial Field scoreboard would have an 8' foot increase in height and 8' foot increase in width. The Mike O'Brien Field of Dreams scoreboard would be the same width, but the height would be increased by 4' foot. Mr. Valiga wanted to know the size of the existing scoreboards. Mr. Beardsley stated that these will be more than twice the size. Mr. Carcione was not sure of those dimensions. Mr. Valiga stated that should have been included in their application.

Mr. Valiga stated that there was a mention in the Montgomery County Planning Commission review letter dated January 2, 2025, regarding a maximum of 40 sf per street frontage signage, but there was an exception noted regarding section 1298.14 for municipal use relief. Mr. Valiga wanted to know if the applicants went to the Zoning Hearing Board for approval of the original scoreboards and if they were grandfathered in for the proposed increase in size. Mr. Carcione stated that he wasn't sure what relief was granted previously, but that they did have to go through the same process for conditional use back in 2019 for the scoreboard at Penllyn Woods Cutler Field.

Mr. Beardsley wanted to know what was behind the existing scoreboards. Mr. Carcione stated there is a memorial garden in between the uprights between the signposts for the Mike O'Brien scoreboard and the Bob Strimel scoreboard has the township (old McCormick) sub garage behind it.

Mr. Taylor informed the PC of the interest in the sponsorship signage, stating that so far, Mr. Joseph Stampone of Stampone law firm has been a great supporter. Mr. Taylor stated they were the first to take interest in the sponsorship of the scoreboard for the minors. He stated that several sponsors are interested in the proposed scoreboard for the majors.

A motion was made by Mr. Valiga and seconded by Mr. Beardsley to recommend approval of the conditional use application to the BOS with the following recommendation:

- 1. The applicant is to submit a rendering depicting the dimensions of the existing and proposed scoreboards to the BOS prior to their public hearing.

The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Patty Furber, Secretary