

ORDINANCE NO. 117

Planning Commission shall incur only

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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR A necessary
PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD, appropriated
COUNTY OF BUTLER, AND TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS
AND DUTIES. res

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Winfield, County of Butler, and State of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, to

That the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a Township Planning Commission consisting of five (5) persons, who shall serve for terms of four years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, except that the terms of the members shall be so fixed that no more than two shall be re-appointed or replaced during any calendar year.

SECTION 2: All members of the Commission shall reside within the Township and serve without pay, although they may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties as Commission members.

SECTION 3: An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 4: The Commission members may be elected or appointed officers or employees of the Township, but in no event may there be less than three citizen members.

SECTION 5: The Township Planning Commission shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine necessary. The Commission may make and alter rules for its procedure consistent with the ordinances of the Township and the Laws of the Commonwealth. It shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations which record shall be a public record. The Board of Supervisors shall appropriate funds in the same manner as other appropriations are made. The Planning Commission, with approval of the majority of the Board of Supervisors, may appoint such employees and staff as it may deem necessary for its work and may contract with planners and other consultants or such technical services as it may require. As an aid to coordination of municipal planning and with the consent of the Township Supervisors, the Planning Commission may enter into joint agreements with county, regional or other planning agencies, covering cooperative relationships as are necessary to attain the objectives of this article. The

Planning Commission shall incur only such expenditures as shall be necessary and proper and all such expenditures shall be within the amount appropriated by the Board of Supervisors or placed at the Commission's disposal from other sources.

SECTION 6: The Commission shall, annually, at the regular meeting of the Township Supervisors before March 1 of each year, make a report to the Supervisors of their transactions, findings, and determinations. Interim reports may be made as often as may be necessary or as requested by the Township Supervisors.

SECTION 7: The Planning Agency shall at the request of the governing body have the power and shall be required to:

(a) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and present it for the consideration of the governing body;

(b) Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the planning agency shall be in the possession of the governing body.

SECTION 8: The Planning Agency at the request of the governing body may:

(a) Make recommendations to the governing body concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map;

(b) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code;

(c) Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development, planned residential development regulations, as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code;

(d) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto;

(e) Do such other act or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code;

(f) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an environmental study;

- (g) Submit to the appointing authority of a municipality a recommended capital improvements program;
I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 117 to establish a Planning Commission and prescribe its powers and duties is an exact copy of the comprehensive plan and planning;
- (h) Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the original ordinance that was destroyed in the fire in 1979. It was approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on 1/27/77.
- (i) Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals;
- (j) Hold public hearings and meetings;
- (k) Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency;
- (l) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.

SECTION 9: In the performance of its powers and duties, any act or recommendation of the planning agency which involves engineering consideration, shall be subject to review and comments of the engineer, which shall be incorporated and separately set forth in any report, written act or recommendation of the planning agency.

SECTION 10: This ordinance is passed under authority of the Second Class Township Code, Article II, Sections 201 to 211 inclusive, and the Township Planning Commission shall have all the powers and duties therein enumerated.

SECTION 11: The sections and parts of sections included in this ordinance are hereby declared to be independent sections and parts of sections. If any such section or part of section shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance, nor the context in which such part of section so held invalid may appear. Any pre-existing ordinance is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This ordinance shall become effective five days after its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 27th day of January, 1977.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

Lewis S. Cypher

J. Alfred Gill

Attest:

Mona Jean McCracken

Secretary