

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION  
September 20, 2021**

The Work Session meeting of the Adams Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the Adams Township Municipal Building located at 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Planning Commission were present: Marty McKinney, Liz McMeekin, Jeff McCormick, and Brett Schultz. Also, present were, Township Manager Gary Peaco Code Enforcement Officer Mike Knox, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Joe Julian, Township Engineer Ronald Olsen, Solicitor Sean Gallagher, and Suzanne Hanovick Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Slopes**

Ordinance Revision

Mr. McKinney said at the last meeting there were a lot of pros and cons. He mentioned that Mr. Crouthamel had said the original slope ordinance wasn't that bad.

Mr. Sean Gallagher stated he did a comparison of Slope Ordinances with the surrounding Townships which included, Cranberry, Pine and Jackson Township. Mr. Gallagher presented a spreadsheet showing the comparisons. He said that Adams Townships new proposed Ordinance will be stricter than the others.

There was a discussion on slopes and buffer-yards.

Mr. McCormick said that all residents deserve to have their privacy.

Mrs. Wilson questioned the buffer-yard footage and said the township should set the standards.

Mr. McKinney stated the first thing that needs to be agreed upon is the distance of the slopes from property lines. After much discussion between the Planning Commission, developers, and township residents, all agreed that 20 ft. would be the recommended distance from slopes to property lines. They discussed the importance of maintaining and creating buffer-yards between new developments and existing residents. Also, steepness of the slopes was discussed. It was agreed that slopes should be 2.5 to 1.

Mr. Gallagher said they would revisit the slope ordinance in October.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:05 p.m.