

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 04-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL POWERS
AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

It is hereby enacted that the Township of South Middleton amend the general powers and duties of the SOUTH MIDDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Second Class Townships its supplements and amendments and Section 209.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.

The Township Planning Commission hereby shall consist of the number of members between five and nine that the Board of Supervisors considers necessary to carry out the functions of the commission. The number of citizen members shall be in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code. These members are to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors at their descretion and shall be residents of the Township of South Middleton and have been appointed with due consideration to geographical and population factors.

All members appointed to serve on the Township Planning Commission shall serve without compensation, unless so designated by resolution to the contrary by the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission shall make an annual report to the Township Supervisors showing their transactions and recommendations.

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

1. Make recommendations to the governing body on the proposed comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code, and present them for the consideration of the governing body.
2. Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the Planning Commission shall be in the possession of the governing body.

The Planning Commission, at the request of the governing body, may:

1. Make recommendations to the governing body on the Official Map, in accordance with Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.
2. Make recommendations to the governing body of the municipality regarding the zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on any proposed amendments to it in accordance with Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.
3. Make recommendations to the governing body of the municipality regarding the subdivision and land development regulations, as set forth in Article V of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.

4. Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this act.
5. Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
6. Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
7. Hold public hearings and meetings as per the Municipalities Planning Code.
8. Present testimony before any Board as per the direction of the Commission.
9. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the municipality.
10. Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planning residential development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the comprehensive plan.

The above Ordinance was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on this __12__ day of _February____, 2004.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP

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