

ORDINANCE NO. 29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE *THOMPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS* CREATING A PLANNING COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF AND FOR FILLING VACANCIES.

The *THOMPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS* hereby ordains:

Section 1. Creation of Commission. A Thompson Township Planning Commission to be composed of five (5) members, appointed as provided by law (53 P.S. § 10202), is hereby created in and for the *Thompson Township*. The Planning Commission shall perform all duties and may exercise all powers conferred by law upon *Thompson Township* planning agencies; provided, the Planning Commission previously created in and for the said *Thompson Township* shall constitute the tenure of any of the members thereof, but any and all vacancies in the said Commission, hereafter occurring, shall be filled in the manner and for the term provided in the law governing *Thompson Township* planning commissions in effect at the time of the happening of the said vacancy.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on 2/3/03

**THOMPSON TOWNSHIP  
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**

ORDINANCE NO. 29  
PLANNING COMMISSION

An ordinance signifying the intention and desire of the Thompson Township Board of Supervisors, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, to create and establish a Planning Commission under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101 *et seq.* for the purpose of preparing and maintaining a plan for the coordinated development of Thompson Township, Susquehanna County based on physical, social, economic and governmental conditions and tends, and to provide for and protect the general welfare and property of its residents.

BE IT ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Thompson Township Board of Supervisors of Thompson Township, Susquehanna County, PA that:

**Section 1.** The Thompson Township Board of Supervisors, Susquehanna County, PA, hereby signifies its intention and desire to organize a Planning Commission under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101 *et seq.*

**Section 2.** The Planning Commission shall consists of five (5) members, all of whom shall be citizens of Thompson Township, Susquehanna County, PA. At least three (3) members shall be citizen members and shall not be officers or employees of Thompson Township.

**Section 3.** The names, addresses, and initial terms of office of the initial members of the Planning commission are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM OF OFFICE
Bryant, David	RR 2 Box 175P, Thompson, PA 18465	4
Callender, Ardith	RR 2, Thompson, PA 18465	4
Greene, Jo Ellen	PO Box 165, Thompson, PA 18465	3
Jenkins, Thomas	RR 2 Box 224, Thompson, PA 18465	3
Trynoski, Karen	RR 2, Thompson, PA 18465	2

After the expiration of each member's initial term, each member or his or her successor shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years, which shall expire on December 31 of each member's 4th year of said term. In the event that the Board of Supervisors fails to reappoint the member or

appoint a new member to fill the vacancy, the member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Any such failure to act on a vacancy shall not automatically constitute a reappointment of any member whose term has expired. In the even of any vacancy caused by any reason other than expiration of a member's term, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a successor to fill the remaining term of the departed member.

#### **Section 4. Powers and duties of Planning Commission.**

(a) The planning commission shall at the request of the Board of Supervisors have the power and shall be required to:

- (1) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in the Municipalities planning Commission Act, 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq., and present it for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.
- (2) Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the planning commission shall be in the possession of the Board of Supervisors.

(b) The planning commission at the request of the Board of Supervisors shall have the power and shall be required to:

- (1) Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
- (2) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on proposed amendments to it.
- (3) Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
- (4) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
- (5) Do such other acts or make studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Municipalities Planning Commission Act.
- (6) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors an environmental study.
- (7) Submit to the Board of Supervisors a recommended capital improvements program.
- (8) Prepare and present to Board of Supervisors a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.

- (9) Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
- (10) Make recommendations to governmental, civic, and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- (11) Hold public hearings and meetings.
- (12) Present testimony before any board.
- (13) Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency.
- (14) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and land surveys with the consent of the owner.
- (15) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within Thompson Township.
- (16) Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the comprehensive plan.

**Section 5.** The planning commission may, with the consent of the governing body, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by the county, the Commonwealth, or the federal government, or any of their agencies or from private sources. The Board of Supervisors may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of the funds or assistance in accordance with the governmental procedures of the municipality.

**Section 6.** The planning commission shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The planning commission may make and alter by laws and rules and regulations to govern its procedures consistent with the ordinances of Thompson Township and the laws of the Commonwealth. The commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall annually make a written report by March 1 of each year of its activities to the Board of Supervisors. Interim reports may be made as often as may be necessary, or as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 7.** All other resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed. This ordinance is intended to confer upon the planning commission the duties and powers set forth in the Municipalities Planning Commission Act, 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq. To the extent that any matter is not addressed by this ordinance, the Municipalities Planning Commission Act, 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq., shall govern the administration and operation of the

planning commission.


Duly presented and ordained and enacted at a regular meeting Thompson Township Board of Supervisors, Thompson Township, Susquehanna County, PA this

3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2003

  
Michael J. Greene, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jerome P. Smyder  
Secretary

Date:  2/8/03