

# Swarthmore Planning Commission

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Meeting Minutes:

February 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at: 7:35 pm

Members attending: Jon Penders-Chair, Chris DeBruyn Vice Chair and Acting Secretary, Rex Brien, Vukan Vuchic, David Virgil, Denise Disney, George Wilson

Also attending: Tim Kearney-Mayor, Mary Walk-Borough Council Liaison to Planning Commission, Jane Billings-Borough Manager, Joe Mastronardo-Borough Engineer.

Attending from Swarthmore College and the project design team: Gregory Brown, Stuart Hain, Susan Smythe, Kyle MacGeorge, Jules Dingle, Bryan Hanes, Don Petrosa, Jan Semmler.

First order of business: Reorganization of Planning Commission

Chairman: Jon Penders was nominated by Rex Brien, the motion was seconded, with unanimous consent.

Vice Chairman: Chris DeBruyn was nominated by Rex, the motion was seconded, with unanimous consent.

Swarthmore Palmer, Pittinger and Roberts Residence Hall

The project was introduced by Don Petrosa, who presented the Final Land Development submission of the dormitory complex proposed for the corner of Harvard and Chester roads. Several notes were added to the cover of the drawing set to accommodate the previous approval from council.

Kyle MacGeorge – mentioned several revisions to the site plans, and noted that many items discussed in the previous submissions have been incorporated including storm water management items. Mr. MacGeorge discussed the college's response to the township engineers review letter.

Don Petrosa indicated that it was possible that a waiver may be requested regarding light levels due to some areas on the plan that have existing lighting that has yet to be quantified. Jon suggested a post-construction review, subject to Borough Council and township engineer approvals, as an option.

Rex asked about the net increase or decrease of outflows from the proposed project. Kyle stated the outflows would be substantially lower than current outflows from the project area, partially due to the college's storm water management standards that exceed code requirements.

Jon proposed a motion to approve, subject to the incorporation of the comments on the township engineer letter, and subject to compliance with comments yet to be provided from pending Delaware

County and Penndot reviews, including resolution of various site lighting issues to the satisfaction of Borough Council and Borough Engineer.

The motion was seconded, and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Chris @ 8:35, approved.