

## **Planning Commission Vacancy**

Concord Township is seeking candidates to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission (term expires June 7, 2021). Concord Township's Planning Commission is an advisory body to Township Council consisting of nine (9) members serving four (4) year staggered terms. Commissioners are compensated \$100/month for serving on the Commission. The Planning Commission meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, and attends various Council meetings. Interested residents are encouraged to submit a cover letter expressing your interest and a resume to the Township Manager, Amanda Serock, via Email: [aserock@concordtownship.org](mailto:aserock@concordtownship.org) on or before **April 27, 2018**.

### Duties & Desirable Qualifications:

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to Township Council on all land development and subdivision applications submitted to the Township. The Commission plays an important role in developing the Township's Comprehensive Plan, as well as keeping the Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances up to date and in compliance with Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). The majority of the Planning Commission's duties pertain to the review of land development and subdivision plans; however, it also reviews proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map; proposed changes to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan revisions, rezoning petitions, and conditional use applications. As a Commissioner's primary job is to make land use decisions that are consistent with the policies and plans formally adopted by Township Council, the first priority of a Planning Commissioner must be to develop decision-making skills and knowledge of Township policies. It is not critical to have training in fields such as planning, architecture, law, civil engineering, geology, economics, or demography. These are skills that are available to the Commissioner from staff, consultants, and the applicant. The commissioner's job is to weigh the professional input given in staff reports, environmental impact reports, and consultant reports.

Some suggested qualifications include: Possessing a willingness and ability to research and report on issues, programs and policies related to development issues; A willingness to attend night meetings on a regular basis; A willingness to assist in implementing projects as decided upon by Township Council; The ability to sustain harmonious working relationships with Commission members, Township Council, residents, and the public; and a willingness to attend extracurricular meeting and training seminars related to regional planning uses.