

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINSGROVE
January 28, 2019**

Members present included: Dan Kuruna, Derek Straub, Tim Moyer, Richard Hoover and Ken Herman Jr.

Members Excused: Kevin Dressler Jr., Claudia Brabant and Robert Grayston.

Also Present: Solicitor James Bathgate, Scott Bailey and Greg Pysher of ESCRA and Twp. Manager Julie Hartley

The 1.28.2019 Planning Commission reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Solicitor James Bathgate.

On motion by Derek Straub, and seconded by Tim Moyer, and carried on a 5-0 vote, Dan Kuruna was appointed as Chairman.

On motion by Dan Kuruna, and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 5-0 vote, Derek Straub was appointed as Vice-Chairman.

The meeting was then called to order by Chairman Dan Kuruna at 7:09 pm.

On motion by Ken Herman Jr., and seconded by Richard Hoover, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes of the November 26, 2018 Planning Commission meeting, were approved as presented.

Persons Present to Be Heard – Scott Bailey and Greg Pysher of ESCRA

New Business –

Scott Bailey, Plant Manager, was present to seek approval of the Act 537 Improvement Project at ESCRA's facilities and answer any questions about the project. He explained the proposed project was to address flood hardening and much needed equipment upgrades. The main funding of the project would involve a grant from Luzerne County and a low interest loan from Pennvest with some existing reserve funds from ESCRA. Scott shared that there is capacity for growth. Jim Bathgate informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors already passed a resolution allowing for the Act 537 Improvement project with contingencies.

After discussion, on motion by Tim Moyer, second Derek Straub and acclamation, the Planning Commission does concur with the Board of Supervisor's resolution passed on January 16, 2019 to allow ESCRA to proceed with the Act 537 Improvement Project subject to the following stipulations:

- 1) All other participating municipalities agree with the Act 537 improvement project**
- 2) The Planning Commission agrees that the rules and regulations governing ESCRA should be revisited and revised which should not delay moving forward with the Act 537 project**

Other New Business -

Solicitor James Bathgate informed the Planning Commission that a letter was received from Ax Runkle's office representing Monroe Township. They are proposing a new red light as part of the CSVT project that will bring traffic back to Penn Township and Selinsgrove Borough and are requesting that the township and borough help with the cost of this project.

Old Business - NA

Adjournment – **On Motion by Derek Straub and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hartley, Township Manager