

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINGSGROVE  
November 25, 2019**

**Members present included:** Dan Kuruna, Derek Straub, Ken Herman Jr., Tim Moyer and Claudia Brabant

**Members Excused:** Kevin Dressler, Jr. and Robert Grayston

**Also Present:** Solicitor James Bathgate, Manager Julie Hartley, Supervisor Jon Payne, Zach Bomberger, Philip Bomberger, Cory Peterson, Sgt. Michael Brubaker and Lee R. Lepka.

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Kuruna at 7:00 pm.**

**On motion by Tim Moyer and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, after a correction of spelling in the Marvin Weaver section, were approved as presented.**

**Persons Present to Be Heard** – Cory Peterson of LIVIC CIVIL representing the State Police Barrack's shooting range.

**New Business** – Cory Peterson presented plans for the State Police Barrack's shooting range which has a Conditional Use Hearing Scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 6 pm before the Board of Supervisors. The shooting range will be forty feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet long with a sixteen to twenty-foot berm. Pistols, rifles and shotguns will be used with approximately four thousand rounds being discharged each year. The range will be used primarily in the spring and fall for five weeks at a time usually Monday through Wednesday. Reclamation of the bullets will be done after two years and then after that approximately every five years. Lead levels in the soil will be tested every year by the developer and the Penn Township Municipal Authority. The medium used to capture bullets is a ten inch thick layer of shredded tires. Dan Kuruna asked that more detailed drawing be made available showing elevations, cross sections of the berm and what is down range for 200 yards. Jim Bathgate suggested that a "Hold Harmless Clause" be part of the conditions of allowing the shooting range. Jon Payne questioned about whether other State Police from out of the area would be using the shooting range and Sgt. Brubaker replied that other stations already have places to use closer to their barracks. Further discussion included adjusting the placement of the range so that any accidental discharge would potentially fall in a farm field. Jon Payne brought up the issue of sound remediation and would a planting on top of the berm be adequate. Sgt. Brubaker also informed the Planning Commission that during practices there is one instructor for every three shooters.

After further review and discussion regarding the conditional use one motion was made.

**On motion by Derek Straub and seconded by Claudia Brabant, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commission tabled the plans so that more detailed plans can be presented at their workshop meeting on December 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm.**

The final "as built" plans have been submitted for the Central Susquehanna Regional 911 Center. It was discussed that the plans should be reviewed by the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer

After further review and discussion regarding the final plans of the 911 Center one motion was made.

**On motion by Ken Herman Jr. and seconded by Derek Straub, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer review the Final Plans of the Central Susquehanna Regional 911 Center before signing.**

**Old Business** – None

**Adjournment** – On motion by Claudia Brabant and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hartley, Township Manager