

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINSGROVE
November 27, 2023**

Members present included: Chris Fetter, Brian Wentzel, Dan Kuruna, Laura Fellencer, Jon Payne, Marvin Weaver and Ken Herman Jr.

Members Excused: Robert Grayston

Also Present: Manager Julie Hartley and Solicitor Jim Bathgate

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Wentzel at 6:30 pm.

On motion by Laura Fellencer and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 7-0 vote, the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be Heard: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

Chickens in Residential, Zoning Update – The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance updates for the keeping of chickens in residential areas and said that “Ordinance Enforcement Officer” should be changed to “Zoning Officer”. **On motion by Dan Kuruna and seconded by Marvin Weaver, and carried on a 7-0 vote, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors update the Zoning Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens in RR, R-1, and AC with the added stipulations and requirements once the term “Ordinance Enforcement Officer” is changed to “Zoning Officer”.**

Agricultural/Open Space Trail – No updates were available. Dan will contact Derek and Chris will contact the Boy Scouts. Brian will make contact with Mr. Slaybaugh of the Boy Scouts. Discussion was also held about a lighted Christmas Path project for the park in 2024.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – A draft Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission. Discussion was tabled until a version showing changes is prepared for the next meeting.

Bright Farms Update – Bright Farms has been moving in the right direction to get their Land Development approval. They have received an increase in water allowance from PTMA which has been assured that the increased consumption will not affect their well’s ability to service other customers. PTMA is also pursuing an alternate well site.

Cottontail Solar 6 Update – It was discussed and decided that the Township Engineer and the Cottontail Solar 6 Engineer should attend the Planning Commission meeting in December to discuss the changes that have been done outside the scope of the plans.

Public Comment: None

FYI:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 1.26.24
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 1.2.24
- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, 2.20.24

Adjournment – On motion by Laura Fellencer, and seconded by Chris Fetter, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartley, Township Manager