

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINGSGROVE
May 11, 2020**

Members present included: Derek Straub, Ken Herman Jr., Jon Payne, Marvin Weaver, Brian Wentzel and Robert Grayston.

Members Excused: Claudia Brabant, Dan Kuruna and William Moyer

Also Present: Solicitor James Bathgate, Supervisor Ross Smoker and Manager Julie Hartley

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Derek Straub at 6:31 pm.

On motion by Ken Herman Jr. and seconded by Robert Grayston, and carried on a 6-0 vote, the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Persons Present to Be Heard – None

New Business –

Vice-Chairman Derek Straub welcomed Brian Wentzel as a new board member.

Solicitor Jim Bathgate announced that a new section of the zoning ordinance needs to be added regarding solar panel systems. The township has already received one application for a home ground solar panel system which will be reviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting. Applications coming in at this time, without a revision to the zoning ordinance, require a conditional use hearing. He added that a model ordinance from the Cumberland County Planning Department has been used by many municipalities and gives a good starting point. Jim then proceeded, starting in section three, to go through the model ordinance in order to create a draft ordinance revision. After discussion and deliberation, Jim said he has enough information to create a draft ordinance update for the next workshop meeting.

Old Business –

Vice-Chairman Derek Straub reminded the members that they need to file a 2019 Ethics Commission form with the township.

Adjournment – **On motion by Brian Wentzel and seconded by Rob Grayston, and carried on a 6-0 vote, the Planning Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hartley, Township Manager