

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINGSGROVE  
July 10, 2023**

**Members present included:** Brian Wentzel, Dan Kuruna, Chris Fetter, Marvin Weaver, Laura Fellencer, Jon Payne 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 6:28 pm.**

**On motion by Marvin Weaver and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 5-0 vote, the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.**

**Persons to be Heard:** None

**New Business:**

Zoning Ordinance Revisions to Allow Poultry in Designated Areas – Discussion was held regarding allowing poultry in designated zones without having to go through a conditional use hearing. Currently, farmettes are allowed by conditional use in the AC, RR and R-1 zones and require two acre lots for Group 1 which is adult average weight of fifteen pounds and is found in Section 1116 (Farmette or Gentleman's Farm).

After discussion, the following changes were proposed: 1) No conditional use hearing required for farmette Group 1 in the AC, RR and R-1 zones; 2) Two-acre minimum lot be lowered to one acre for Group 1 Farmettes; 3) Set-back to remain at twenty feet; 4) The permitted use of Farmette would be subject to Section 1116.

Proposed changes will be formatted into the Zoning Ordinance and be presented at the next workshop meeting.

**Old Business:**

Bright Farms – Jim Bathgate noted that representatives from Bright Farms attended the June 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting and attended the July 6<sup>th</sup> PTMA meeting to discuss future plans of process wastewater and sewage. Revised Final Land Development plans are being drafted and PTMA will be taking the lead in other permitting and oversight. The DEP NPDES permit will cover any future tank issues and spills.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Tabled

**Public Comment:** None

**FYI:**

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 10.13.23
- Habegger Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 10.4.23

**Adjournment – On motion by Laura Fellencer, and seconded by Ken Herman Jr., and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Hartley, Township Manager