

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINGROVE
September 25, 2023**

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

Members Excused: Marvin Weaver and 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 Ken Herman Jr. and seconded by Chris Fetter, and carried on a 4-0 vote, the minutes of the September 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be Heard: None

New Business:

Agricultural/Open Space Trail – Jon Payne explained to the members that there are plans to develop the trail around the East Snyder Park perimeter into a trail featuring agriculture, recreation and education and the farm land will be part of the design. He noted that Selingsgrove High School Cross Country runs on this trail. Some ideas so far include native trees, a meadow, benches, mile markers, bird houses, educational signage and possibly exercise stations. It was suggested that someone with the Boy Scouts be contacted to see if there is interest in helping with this project. Dan Kuruna will check with Susquehanna University to see if they would be interested in the meadow portion of the project. Chris Fetter will contact the boy scouts and will measure the total length of the paths. Julie will check to see if DCNR has any grants available. Discussion will be continued at the next Planning Commission workshop meeting.

Cottontail Solar 6 Project – Brian Wentzel explained that there have been several violations during the project that were reported and then corrected by Cottontail Solar 6. Currently, the fencing along Clifford Road according to the plans were to be set back sixty-six feet from the centerline of the road but are only thirty-seven feet also two signs were placed without zoning permits. It was discussed that a solution would be to hire the Township Engineer and have the Zoning Officer both conduct bi-weekly inspections of the work to ensure that the plans are being followed. After discussion the following motion was made:

On motion by Dan Kuruna and seconded by Laura Fellencer, and carried on a 6-0 vote, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they have Cottontail Solar 6 deposit escrow monies to conduct bi-weekly site inspections of the project by the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer.

Old Business:

Poultry Containment – It was discussed that language should be added to Zoning Ordinance as part of the poultry zoning amendment that “All poultry must be contained within the property lines and if violations continue poultry could be disallowed on that property.”

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Sec. 413 – **Tabled**

Public Comment: None

FYI:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 10.13.23
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 1.2.24
- Michael Schrey, Conditional Use, filed 7.19.23, due 9.15.23, hearing 9.6.23, continued 10.3.23
- Ronald & Ryan Herman Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 11.22.23

Adjournment – On motion by Jon Payne, and seconded by Laura Fellencer, and carried on a 6-0 vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartley, Township Manager