

**Penn Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove  
October 23, 2017**

The October 23, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:03 by Vice Chairman, Jim Wentzel.

**Members present included:** Tim Moyer, Derek Straub, Ken Herman Jr. and Jim Wentzel. Kevin Dressler Jr., arrived 7:12 and Dan Kuruna, arrived 7:28. **Members Excused:** Open Seat

**Also Present:** Attorney James Bathgate and PC Secretary Brenda Moyer

**Members of the Public:** John Clark, Clark Engineering and Surveying, Camp Hill

**On motion by Ken Herman Jr., second Derek Straub and acclamation of those present, the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Planning Commission regular meeting, were approved as presented.**

The notes from the 10.9.2017 worksession of the Planning Commission were provided for information purposes only.

Public Comment – n/a

Persons Present to Be Heard –

**John Clark, Clark Engineering and Surveying** came before the Planning Commission to get zoning clarification for billboards in Penn Township. Clark provided Example Size and Location details of atypical billboard for discussion. Per Section 506.9 of the zoning ordinance Billboards are allowed in the Industrial and the Highway Commercial zones but further states Billboards are a Conditional Use subject to Section 825 of the ordinance. Clark requested clarification and intent of the ordinance on the following:

- Specifically the intent of the ordinance with regard to front setback for a billboard. A specific distance for a front setback is not included in the criteria under Section 825. Item #14 does note no billboard shall be within the ROW (Right of Way) of a public street. This could lead one to believe the front setback is the ROW of the street or one could argue do front setbacks apply to billboards as this is not indicated specifically in Section 825. Or do you refer to the setbacks as indicated in Section 409 I (Industrial – only providing for "Building Setbacks" front 150') and having broader language in Section 408 HC (Highway Commercial – 80' front setback). Clark noted his visual observations of current installations do seem to be at the ROW.
- Called in to question was 506.1(B), stating no billboard may be located within 300' feet of RR, R1 or R2 zones. Clark requested clarification if the intent of the ordinance in measuring this 300' was a "radial" measurement or a "longitudinal" measurement. This clarification would make a significant difference in placement of billboards.
- Another item for clarification would be the intent of item #11 of Section 825 and the requirement for 500' placement between billboards, again, is 500' measured on along each side of roadway (longitudinal measure) or radial. Clark stated typically it is longitudinal measurement but this is also not clear in the ordinance.
- Clark also noted items #1, #2 and #3 of Section 825 could be subjective.

Clark will follow up again with the secretary and Planning Commission will consider his concerns.

New Business –

**On motion by Kevin Dressler Jr., second Ken Herman Jr. and acclamation, the 2018 Planning Commission meeting dates shall be advertised as follows along with worksession dates on the second Monday of each month: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 21 (third Monday), June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, December 17 (third Monday), continue work sessions on the second Monday Jan 8, Feb12, Mar12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.**

Old Business –

The PC discussed the proposed revisions to the DRAFT Floodplain Ordinance as prepared. Additional revisions were discussed and proposal will be updated, **On motion by Kevin Dressler Jr., second Derek Straub and acclamation, PC does recommend the Draft be provided to Dan Fitzpatrick at FEMA and the BOS.** Also provided was a draft "Floodplain Development Permit Application".

**On motion by Ken Herman Jr., second Kevin Dressler Jr. and acclamation the PC will recommend the BOS do reappoint Derek Straub to an additional 4-year term on the Planning Commission.** If approved Straub's term would run through 12.31.2021.

Adjournment – With no further discussion, on motion Kevin Dressler Jr., second Ken Herman Jr., and acclamation the 10.23.2017 Planning Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Moyer  
Planning Commission Secretary