

**Penn Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
November 28, 2016**

Members present included: Cornelius Heeren, Derek Straub, Ken Herman Jr., Dan Kuruna and Jim Wentzel.

Members Excused: Tim Moyer, Jonetta Ulmer and Kevin Cook

Also Present: Attorney James Bathgate and Secretary Brenda Moyer

Members of the Public: n/a

The November 28, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dan Kuruna.

On motion by Jim Wentzel, second Derek Straub and commission acclamation, the October 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

On motion by Derek Straub, second Ken Herman Jr. and commission acclamation, the November 14, 2016 work session meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment – n/a

Person Present to be Heard –

Chairman Dan Kuruna presented information to the commission as follow-up to a meeting he attended hosted by the Susquehanna Conservatives. A film was presented based on a court ruling; Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro NY versus West Chester County, filing a "False Claims Act", alleging West Chester County received HUD money under false pretenses, i.e. there weren't sufficient provisions made for low income or other protected classes when government grants and funding were used. While West Chester County admitted no fault, they did settle the case and paid over 30 million in damages and legal fees, and were required to build 750 units of low income housing.

It should be noted, while this settlement was ordered and adopted by the court, the court did not provide a legal opinion and does not specify how the laws might apply to this case.

Implications might be that anyone could file suit and allege discrimination for not "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" by any entity that has received a variety of HUD or CDBG monies. Any new applications for HUD money in the future will have to use the new assessment tool and census data provided by HUD/OMB.

New Business –

- Cornelius Heeren, PC member whose term will expire on 12.31.2016 wishes to be reappointed to the Penn Township Planning Commission to serve another term running through 12.31.2020. This info will be forwarded to the supervisors for reorganization.
- Contact will try to be made with Tim Moyer, alternate member of the commission and see if he wishes to continue on the commission.
- December PC meetings were discussed and commission decided to cancel the 12/12.2016 worksession and only hold the regular meeting on 12.19.2016.
- The evolving situation with recycling was discussed.

Old Business –

- No old business was discussed.

Adjournment –

On motion by Cornelius Heeren, second Derek Straub and acclamation, the 11.28.2016 regular meeting of the Planning Commission was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary