

**Penn Township  
Planning Commission Regular Meeting  
December 19, 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:** Jerry Freiwald, Bartush Sign Inc., Pete DeWire, Ray Cerezo and Robin Montgomery

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the December 19, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dan Kuruna.

On motion by Jim Wentzel, second Ken Herman Jr. and commission acclamation, the November 28, 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment – n/a

Person Present to be Heard –

Jerry Freiwald, Bartush Signs Inc., presented details for the Conditional Use request for Fikes Carpet One, 1704 Route 522, Selinsgrove, 13-03-142, located in the HC (Highway Commercial) zone. This conditional use is requested per Section 506.9 of the PT Zoning Ordinance. The request is for the installation of a freestanding electronic sign at the Fike Brothers Carpet One business. This property is leased to Fike Brothers by John and Paul Felker, who also reside in a home at this location. Solicitor Bathgate provided an overview of the upcoming hearing and the procedure thereof. He pointed out the advertising, the notice of hearing to surrounding property owners had been completed, a stenographer was scheduled and the property will be posted as required. The public hearing is advertised for January 18, 2017, 6 pm, before the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed sign will be @ 69 sq. ft. (smaller than the existing sign), with a maximum height of 19' (ordinance allows for 25' max). There was much discussion on the type of light, brightness and ability to control brightness levels. Applicant will be provided training on the control of the sign which can be done manually or by remote.

After review, on motion by Cornelius Heeren, second by Derek Straub and acclamation the commission does recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the Conditional Use request of Bartush signs on behalf of Fike Brothers Carpet One with the following conditions met:

1. Applicant must comply with all local, state and federal regulations
2. Applicant must comply with Section 825 of the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance
3. Applicant shall comply with the five (5) factors in PennDOT's Act 160, Chapter 6, ( C )- Policy Applicable to Change of Message:
  - a) All messages/displays must remain unchanged for a minimum of five (5) seconds.
  - b) The time interval used to change from complete message/display to the next complete message/display shall be a maximum of one (1) second.
  - c) There shall be no appearance of a visual dissolve or fading, in which any part of one electronic message/display appears simultaneously with any part of a second electronic message/display.
  - d) There shall be no appearance of flashing or sudden bursts of light, and no appearance of animation, movement of flow of the message/display.
  - e) Any illumination intensity or contrast of light level shall remain constant.
4. Must provide written approval for this sign from the landowner (Felker)
5. Message/display of "public events" or "community events/services" shall also follow the "not less than five (5) second" change rate as detailed above for any other message/display, per PennDOT's Act 160.

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Robin Montgomery was in attendance to discuss with Planning Commission an issue in the township. Montgomery voiced her concern for the care, or lack thereof, of dogs tied outside during inclement weather and without proper shelter. Having contact with the family provided evidence of other possible deficiencies at this location. It was noted DEP had been contacted previously for issues at this location. Montgomery questioned what the township could do. The township will contact or follow up with contact already made to the agencies that can help with this situation. Montgomery also briefly mentioned her work with a stray/feral cat program and will approach the Board of Supervisors as this group has done with other municipalities at a later date.

**New Business** –

- Stipend Payment Notice was provided to all members for completion and return to the office if waiving stipend.

**Old Business** –

- No old business was discussed

**Adjournment** –

On motion by Derek Straub, second Ken Herman Jr., and acclamation, the 12.19.2016 regular meeting of the Planning Commission was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer  
Planning Commission Secretary