

**Penn Township
Planning Commission Minutes
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove
February 27, 2017**

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

Members Excused: Jonetta Ulmer and Kevin Cook

Also Present: Attorney James Bathgate and Secretary Brenda Moyer

Members of the Public: Joe Dubaskas and Jan Ritter

The February 27, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Dan Kuruna.

The record shall show the February 13, 2017 PC work session was canceled and not held as advertised.

On motion by Jim Wentzel, second Cornelius Heeren and acclamation, the Reorganization Minutes from January 23, 2017, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – Jan Ritter noted the PC is doing a great job.

Persons Present to Be Heard -

Joe Dubaskas was present representing the VFW Post 6631, 940 Route 522, Selinsgrove, TaxMapPN 13-08-154 and their application for a Conditional Use permit to alter the current VFW sign to an electronic lighted version. This indifference to PT Zoning Ordinance, Section 506.9 and the criteria set forth in Section 825. The VFW provided the application w/ fee, photos of the proposed sign and site. Discussion was held and it was determined the conditional use the VFW is seeking is just like the conditional use requested by Fike Brothers Carpet One in December.

With no further 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 the VFW 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. 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.

Commission member Jim Wentzel abstained from the vote as he is a member of the VFW.

A tentative hearing date, April 5th, 6:30 pm. Notice to the public and neighboring properties will be given.

Old Business –

- Ethics forms were requested from members.
- Determining a lead contact representing the PC with GSVCC in the updating of the Penn Twp Comp Plan was tabled.
- Review continued of the Zoning Ordinance 2005-01, picking up with Section 406 Village Center.

406.1 – ok

406.2 – Add "No Impact Home-Based Business, confirm Section referred to

406.3 – ok

406.4 – Add "and public water", also confirm number of on-lot sewage systems permit
able per acre.

406.5 – ok

406.6 – ok

406.7 – remove ~~which are unrestricted~~

Per Penn Township SEO Dan Page – he and DEP would only permit (1) on-lot septic system per acre
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406.8 – ok

406.09

406.10 – ok

406.11 – Confirm Section and Appendix cited.

406.12 – ok

406.13 – delete

406.14 – confirm Section cited

Remove a previous addition to the "Building Height" section of each zone that may have said "no building shall be less than one story"

FYI –

It was reported to the PC in addressing recent questions and concerns with the UTurn for Christ facility on Old 522 the Penn Township Zoning officer visited the location to determine if the facility is indeed adhering to the variance they were previously granted. ZO met with managers of facility and all appeared to be in order.

Adjournment – On motion by Derek Straub, second Ken Herman Jr., the 2.27.2017 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary