

**Penn Township
Planning Commission Minutes
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove
April 24, 2017**

Members present included: Dan Kuruna, Derek Straub, Tim Moyer and Jim Wentzel.

Members Excused: Cornelius Heeren, Jonetta Ulmer, Ken Herman Jr. and Kevin Cook

Also Present: Attorney James Bathgate and Secretary Brenda Moyer

Members of the Public: Mike Finio, Counsel SU; Andy Hershberger and Jack Copus, SGC Power; Jennifer Lee, Derck + Edson; Samuel Smith, E.L. Heim Co.; Mike Coyne and Chris Bailey, SU; Bob Garrett, GSVCC and Andrew Mitterling.

The April 24, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Dan Kuruna.

The March 27, 2017 PC meeting minutes were not included in the meeting packet and approval was tabled till next meeting.

On motion by Jim Wentzel, second Derek Straub and acclamation, the minutes from the April 10, 2017 Planning Commission worksession, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – no public comment

Persons Present to Be Heard –

Chris Bailey, SU and others representing a possible "solar project" on lands owned by Susquehanna University along West Sassafras Street, in Penn Twp, presented information for project proposal. These lands are part of an 88 acre parcel (TaxMapPN13-08-003) located in the R1 zoning district. Within the current Penn Township Zoning Ordinance 2005-01, Section 404 (R1 Zone) does not address a project or use like this, therefore PC referred to Section 402.2 Uses Not Provided, of the same ordinance. This section indicates a Conditional Use request and approval could be an option. Representatives of SU indicated they would proceed with a Conditional Use submission. The Twp Solicitor will research and consider whether a land development plan would be required.

Bob Garrett, GSVCC was present to discuss the timeline for updating the Penn Township Comprehensive Plan and to form a steering committee. Mr. Garrett noted a proposed steering committee will be presented to the BOS for approval. Invited committee members should also be made aware of the time commitment required for this project. Initially a onetime 2-hour training, conducted by Neal Fogle, PSU, tentatively on a Saturday am at the Chamber of Commerce building and @ five 1-hour evening meetings. Approximately 10 hours of reading and review will be required.

An appeal for township participants will be included in a write up prepared by Mr. Garrett, reviewed by Penn Twp and supplied to the Snyder County Times for publishing.

The following list includes likely participants and who will contact each:

Supervisors – (Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne agreed)	SASD – Bob Garrett
An AG Rep – suggested Kevin Dressler Jr.	Susquehanna University – contact Mike Coyne?
Selinsgrove Center - Brenda	SIDCO – Bob Garrett
Penn Twp Zoning Officer - Brenda	SCPC – Bob Garrett (L. Kauffman, confirmed)
EMS - Brenda	Township Business Owner
East Snyder Regional Rec Assoc - Brenda	Township Resident - via SC Times – W.O.M.

A survey of the township residents for information gathering was discussed using Survey Monkey.

New Business -

PC member Kevin Cook submitted his formal resignation from the Planning Commission. **On motion by Dan Kuruna, second by Derek Straub and acclamation, PC will recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint the current alternate member Tim Moyer to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Cook thru 12/31/2019.**

Andrew Mitterling attended the PC meeting expressing interest to serve on the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued between Commission and Mr. Mitterling. Mitterling will get back to PC with his decision.

Old Business –

FYI – Conditional Use approval of the lighted sign at the VFW was mentioned along with the upcoming public hearings scheduled May 3, 2017 for turn back, remaining portion Old 11+15 and Susquehanna University, max lot size in the AC zone.

Adjournment – **On motion by Derek Straub, second Jim Wentzel the 4.24.2017 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary