

**Penn Township Planning Commission
Minutes
Reorganization
January 27, 2014**

The 1.27.2014 reorganization meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission was called to order by temporary chair Mike Kuhns at 7:03 PM.

Members present included: Dan Kuruna, Derek Straub, Shane Kerstetter, Cornelius Heeren, Ben Moyer, Jim Geiswite and Mike Kuhns.

Members absent: None

Also Present: Attorney James Bathgate, and Brenda Moyer, PC Secretary.

Members of the Public Present: Dave Bowersox, Penn Township Zoning Officer

Nominations for 2014 PC chairman were opened, Dan Kuruna was named, nominations closed and on motion by Shane Kerstetter, second Cornelius Heeren, Kuruna abstained, remaining acclamation, Dan Kuruna named 2013 PC Chairman.

Nominations for 2014 PC Vice-Chair were opened, Shane Kerstetter was named, Mike Kuhns named and respectfully declined, Cornelius Heeren also nominated. Nominations closed and on motion by Mike Kuhns, second by Shane Kerstetter (who respectfully declined his nom) and acclamation of all, Cornelius Heeren was named 2014 PC VC.

Chairman Dan Kuruna called the 1.27.2014 meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission to order at 7:06 pm.

Motion made by Jim Geiswite, second by Mike Kuhns and acclamation to approve the 12.16.13 minutes with the following corrections:

1. Remove one Ben Moyer from Members Present.
2. Correct Adjournment date to read 12.16.2013.

Public Comment - No public comment.

Persons Present to be Heard

Zoning Officer, Dave Bowersox was present, concerns w/ seasonal large truck traffic on S. Front Street and maintenance and cost thereof. Bowersox noted 15/20 tractor trailers per day, and the number has picked up last 5 years, pull crops twice per year, road narrows below Heimbach Farm (accommodates 1 ½ cars), shoulders are soft, as truck move to the side to accommodate other vehicles road is being broken away.

On motion by Jim Geiswite, second Mike Kuhns, and group acclamation, the PT PC would recommend the Penn Township Supervisors direct Penn Township Roadmaster Isaac Ramer to make informal contact with the Furman family noting the Township's concerns with the road and approach them for possible assistance in widening and firming up shoulders.

Mr. Bowersox also shared his experience with 'in-ground recharge' systems as required in some developments, noting soil conditions are so important to installing the correct system and/or a system 'correctly'. Each installation should be evaluated on a case by case basis and must be inspected prior to cover up. Some procedure standards need to be put in place and addressed with zoning permit applicants.

----For discussion purposes Mr. Bowersox will provide in writing a 'minimum standard' for poor soil.

----Mike Kuhns will locate a soil map.

----Ask Larson Design if the Flo Well system is an acceptable system.

Mr. Bowersox also presented information for 22nd Annual Pa Housing and Land Development Conference to be held at PSU. Mr. Bowersox would like to attend.

On motion by Ben Moyer, second by Shane Kerstetter and acclamation, Planning Commission would recommend Penn Township Supervisors agree to pay the registration fees for Bowersox to attend.

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Commission member as well as assistant zoning officer, Jim Geiswite is interested in a check list being put together for property owners to assist and guide them when planning construction. Addressing things an applicant would need to know like how they are zoned, what is allowed or not in zone, what agencies need to approve, what permits might be required etc. This information, once compiled will be included in the newsletter. Brenda will provide any current check lists to Jim and Jim will review for next meeting.

New Business

- 2014 PC members contact info was reviewed and corrections made.
- Ethics forms were provided to D Kuruna, M Kuhns, B Moyer, S Kerstetter, C Heeren and J Bathgate.
- Dan presented a draft agenda for the Joint Workshop and was discussed. Rec committee will be invited.
- PC discussed 'minor land development' – This is currently not addressed in the Penn Township SDL Ord. PC will consider at a later date.
- A planning member presented an article from the paper with concerns over Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers. A model ordinance will be located, provided to PC members and discussed at next meeting.

Old Business

- Table and chairs for the boardroom. **On motion by Cornelius Heeren, second by Shane Kerstetter, and acclamation planning commission request the Supervisors move forward and place the order for table and chairs.**

On motion by Jim Geiswite, second Cornelius Heeren the January 27, 2014 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary