

**Penn Township Planning Commission
Minutes
October 27, 2014**

Chairman Dan Kuruna called the 10.27.2014 meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission to order at 7:03 pm.
Members present included: Dan Kuruna, Jim Geiswite, Derek Straub, Shane Kerstetter, Mike Kuhns and Cornelius Heeren
Members absent: Ben Moyer.
Also Present: Brenda Moyer, PC Secretary and Attorney James Bathgate
Members of the Public Present: Bill Bucher, Janet Bucher, Brian Wentzel and James Wentzel.

A motion by Jim Geiswite, second Derek Straub and acclamation the 9.22.14 minutes were approved as presented. .

Public Comment – N/A

Persons Present to be Heard

William D and Janet Bucher were present to present to planning commission their request for a zoning variance. Bucher's are requesting a dimensional variance for the location of a storage shed on their property, located at 110 Deerfield Court Tax Map PN 13-07-061-92. Bucher's recalled placing the shed in August of 2003 and no permit was applied for or issued for this shed. Bucher's have obtained four zoning permits in their time at this location but were unaware a zoning permit was required for what they considered a temporary, moveable shed. The township solicitor explained a dimensional variance request and applicants responsibility to show hardship.

Bucher's explained they did not realize the need for the permit, a permit would have insured correct placement of shed and with other permits requested and issued over the years with never a comment made about the shed were surprised that it was now an issue. To further complicate the placement of the shed a pool has recently been installed and mechanical equipment was placed inside the shed. If applicant were to move the shed toward the pool it may cost one to two thousand dollars and might only gain three feet at property line. Applicant couldn't see the value in such an attempt.

On motion by Dan Kuruna, second by Cornelius Heeren, agreement by Shane Kerstetter, Derek Straub, Mike Kuhns, and Cornelius Heeren, Planning Commission would recommend the Zoning Hearing Board grant the dimensional variance if letters to support the variance are received from neighbor Mr. Rick Davis and the Meadowview Homeowners Association. Jim Geiswite voted no to granting the dimensional variance.

New Business

No final decision made on 2015 meeting dates.

Old Business

Planning Commission received the Wood Fired Outdoor Boiler Ordinance back for further review. Discussion was held and some revisions were suggested for sections 6.1, 6.4, 6.7, 6.8, 6.10, the proposed revisions will be incorporated and language added to describe how this ordinance might affect existing burners. These revisions will be presented for review and discussion at the next planning meeting.

The October 27, 2014 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:50 on motion by Jim Geiswite, second by Shane Kerstetter and acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary