

Penn Township Planning Commission Minutes February 24, 2014

Chairman Dan Kuruna called the 2.24.2014 meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission to order at 7:05 pm. **Members present included:** Dan Kuruna, Derek Straub, Shane Kerstetter, Cornelius Heeren, Jim Geiswite and Mike Kuhns.

Members absent: Ben Moyer

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

Members of the Public Present: Jon Payne

Motion made by Jim Geiswite, second by Derek Straub and acclamation to approve the 1.27.14 minutes.

Public Comment

Jon Payne noted his appreciation of the planning commission for their hard work and dedication.

Persons Present to be Heard

No persons were present to be heard and general discussion followed with agenda items.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

A question was presented of how (in light of the 2/10/14 joint meeting), if possible could Penn Township legally 'waive' anything (fees) to encourage development in Penn Twp. Some of the comments and ideas included:

- ✓ Fees that Penn could waive are insignificant in comparison to the cost for engineering and SWM.
- ✓ Could we look at zoning?
- ✓ Water and sewer, is there coverage where needed?
- ✓ Minor Land Development - will consider adding this to SALDO. Mr. Bathgate will provide a sample from another municipality. Secretary will provide example from another twp.
- ✓ Previously proposed areas of development were mentioned – Breezewood, Harris and 18th, Wedgewood, Graysonview, the business park – Why are these sitting? Cost?
- ✓ Small businesses, are we conducive?
- ✓ Are we fine just the way we are? Make sure what we have is good...then worry about more.

Ethics forms were collected and contact lists were reviewed.

General notes were provided and there was discussion to follow-up on the Joint Workshop held 2/10/2014.

- ✓ It was suggested that a similar meeting including surrounding municipalities might be held.
- ✓ Todd Roup will be contacted, specifically, chances of a VA facility at the Selinsgrove Center or uses other vacant spaces.
- ✓ Noxious weeds were discussed again. A sample ordinance was provided by a resident and Mr. Bathgate will provide a sample ord as well at the next meeting.

Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers – a sample ord was provided. PC members will review ordinance for discussion next meeting. Interesting point made in the state sample included allowing these type burners in certain zones only, burners are required to meet Phase II requirements, there is a list of YES and NO materials for burning.

Zoning and Planning Checklists – members received a checklist used in the past and will review to update for next meeting.

FYI - N/A

On motion by Jim Geiswite, second Cornelius Heeren the February 24, 2014 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Moyer
Planning Commission Secretary