

PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINSGROVE
August 24, 2026

Members present included: Jon Payne, Chris Fetter via Teams, Isaac Ramer Jr., Brian Wentzel, Alt. Paul Long and Laura Fellencer

Excused: Dan Kuruna and Marvin Weaver

Also Present: Manager Julie Hartley, Solicitor Jim Bathgate, Scott Frost, Dave Bowersox, Mark Biaszka, Chad Shaffer and Art Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Wentzel at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

On motion by Jon Payne and seconded by Brian Wentzel and carried on a 5-0 vote the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Planning Commission meeting were approved.

Persons to be Heard:

Scott Frost Flood Plain Permit. 990 S. Front Street – Scott Frost is applying to build a twenty-eight foot by forty-foot garage with an open carport measuring fourteen feet by twenty feet. Jim asked if the project was going to include fill and Dave Bowersox replied that about eight inches of fill will be graded around the project. Jim reviewed the criteria of what the requirements were for an accessory building larger than six hundred square feet. After reviewing the criteria and discussion it was agreed that the elevation of the floor level will be raised six inches to comply with the regulations of accessory buildings larger than six hundred square feet. The fill around the building will also be limited to fifteen feet around the perimeter. Chad Shaffer also agreed that the extra six inches will bring the floor into compliance because it would be at flood elevation. Meck Tech will need to submit revised elevation certificates at the completion of the project. **On motion by Laura Fellencer and seconded by Brian Wentzel and carried on a 4-0 vote with Isaac Ramer Jr. abstaining to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they approve the flood plain permit after favorable review of the revised drawings by Jim Bathgate and Chad Shaffer.**

New Business:

Doug Klingler, Active Farmer for Ag Security Area Committee – Doug Klingler has agreed to join the Ag Security Committee as one of the active farmers. **On motion by Brian Wentzel and seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr. and carried on a 5-0 vote to recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint Doug Klingler to the Ag Security Committee as one of the active farmers.**

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan Review – Tabled

Discussion – Mark Biaszka introduced himself to the Planning Commission and said he is interested in serving in the township in some capacity. Discussion was held regarding letter that Jim Bathgate sent to Cottontail Solar 6 in response to their letter.

September 14th Planning Commission Meeting – Jim will not be available for the September 14, 2026 Workshop Meeting. **On motion by Jon Payne and seconded by Brian Wentzel and carried on a 5-0 vote to cancel the September 14th Planning Commission Workshop meeting.**

FYI:

- Sissy Boy Trucking Land Dev., filed 6.23.25, due 10.9.26
- PTMA Well Site Subdivision/Land Development, filed 9.22.25, due 9.15.26
- ESCRA Land Dev., filed 2.27.26, due 10.6.26
- Ag Security Area, due February, 2032

Adjournment – On motion by Jon Payne, and seconded by Laura Fellencer, and carried on a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartley, Township Manager