

**Penn Township Planning Commission
100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020**

MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016

The Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) met on July 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. PTPC members present were Ed Chism, Chairman, Art Dalla Piazza, Ken Martz, and Forrest Woodward. Others present were Township Secretary Helen Klinepeter (Secretary). A list of visitors attending is available in the Township Office. Chairman Chism called the workshop to order.

WORKSHOP

The Workshop started at 6:30 p.m. regarding the wind energy of the Zoning Ordinance. The PTPC made the following changes:

Section 8

- F. Public Ground Mounted Accessory Wind Energy Facility shall be prohibited in front yards, between the principal building and the street right-of-way.
- G. The minimum ground clearance for the Accessory Wind Energy Facility shall be 20 feet ground and wind rotor blade.

Section 9.A - 8(F) Ground Mounted Accessory

Section 10.- USE OF PUBLIC ROADS FOR PRINCIPAL WIND ENERGY

- D. Any road damage caused by the Applicant or its contractors shall be promptly repaired, as required and in a manner determined by the Township, at the applicant's expense.

Section 11.A - The Applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and site plan to county and local emergency services, including paid or volunteer Fire Department(s).

Section 12.C - C. Any studies required to determine noise and shadow flicker shall be the responsibility of the facility owner/operator and/or the complainant.

Section 14- LIABILITY INSURANCE

- A. The Principal Wind Energy Facility shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage with limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$1 million in the aggregate. Certificates shall be made available to Penn Township upon request.
- B. The owner of an Accessory Wind Energy Facility shall provide evidence that the owner's insurance policy has been endorsed to cover an appropriate level of damage or injury that might result from the installation and operation of the Accessory Wind Energy Facility.

Section 16. B - The Facility Owner and Operator shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the

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Township's and/or public's inquiries and complaints within a 14 calendar day period.

Upon a Dalla Piazza/Woodward motion the Workshop closed at 7:07 p.m.
The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

VISITORS

Lucinda Novinger – Ms. Novinger asked what was required to enclose her porch. Secretary replied that if the enclosure was permanent a building permit would be required. If you place screened frames that are removable then a permit is not needed. i.e. wooden frames that could be “hooked” to the railings and removed for the winter then a permit would not be needed as it is not permanent.

Ms. Novinger asked if the storage shed for the school district received a land development plan? She was informed that they requested and received a waiver of a land development plan. Why would a land development plan not be needed? Secretary replied that the School District contacted the Zoning Officer, who informed them that a land development plan was needed or a waiver for a land development plan. The School District requested a waiver. Ms. Novinger asked what constituted the reason for a waiver. The Chairman offered that in this circumstance the Stormwater was already in place and a tie-in to the was required, there was no electric, plumbing and no occupation is to occur. Ms. Novinger asked if there were any permits required. Secretary responded yes a Zoning and Building Permit was required. Ms. Novinger offered that the Municipal Authority was not informed of this building or waiver. The Chairman offered that the Municipal Authority did not have anything to do with this as the building was not being connected to the Sewer. A discussion commenced on the Municipal Authority not being copied on a waiver request.

Russell Wortz – Cove Church – Mr. Wortz asked regarding a permit for the enclosure of the pavilion. He wanted to know why a permit was needed. Secretary replied that walls, windows and doors were being added permanently.

MINUTES – The minutes of the April 18, 2016 Planning Commission were presented. After discussion and upon a Dalla Piazza/Martz motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to approve the April 18, 2016 PTPC minutes with typographical changes.

CORRESPONDENCE – Secretary presented the letter from Board of Supervisors approving the Owen and Wolf Plans.

Upon the completion of all business and with an Dalla Piazza/Woodard motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The Workshop reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Perry County Planning Commission Letter. Mr. Dalla Piazza offered that the only thing he saw was the agri-tourism listed as a permitted or conditional use in our agricultural Zone. After discussion on what agri-tourism would be, the Commission directed the Secretary to find some definitions.

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Mr. Dalla offered that he thought our wireless ordinance needed to be amended. Secretary explained that this would have to be placed before the Board of Supervisors as that ordinance was written by the Cohen Group.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen Klinepete".

Helen Klinepete
Recording Secretary