

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

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) met on September 19, 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 changes to the Mixed Use Commerce District, Wind Energy, and Agritourism of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mixed Use Commerce Zone - Mr. Timothy Anderson of the Pepper Law Firm, Paul Rudy of the County Commissioners and Brian Peters of the Perry County Economic Development Committee (PCEDC) and as a citizen attended to discuss the proposed changes to the Mixed Use Commerce (MUC) District. Mr. Chism started the discussion with a background of the zoning in the Business Campus One (BCO). Mr. Anderson explained the purpose of the change to the uses is to be able to use raw materials versus production.

Mr. Chism offered there does not seem to be any problem with the changes themselves, the main question is where to place the uses, under permitted or conditional use. Mr. Anderson offered that placing the uses as a permitted use would same time as a conditional use takes longer. He offered that most companies want to get started as soon as possible. Mr. Chism offered that the Planning Commission must look at a number of factors. (i.e. traffic count, lighting and noise.)

Mr. Rudy asked for the help with passing the changes as fast as possible. Mr. Peters also submitted a plea to make a recommendation as soon as possible. Mr. William Roberts of the PCEDC stated that only permitted uses would be placed in the park.

Upon a Chism/Dalla Piazza motion the PTPC closed the Workshop and opened the Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

VISITORS – All visitors were acknowledged.

MINUTES – The minutes of the August 15, 2016 Planning Commission were presented. After discussion and upon a Chism/Woodward motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to approve the August 15, 2016 PTPC minutes with typographical changes.

Upon the completion of all business and with an Dalla Piazza/Woodward motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The Workshop reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Wind Ordinance – The PTPC reviewed and made the following changes to the Wind Ordinance:

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- A. The Applicant shall ~~make reasonable efforts~~ to avoid any disruption or loss of radio, telephone, television or similar signals, and shall mitigate any harm caused by the Wind Energy Facility.

Agritourism – The PTPC decided to table this matter for some thought on the Definition and if this should be Conditional Use or not. The draft definition considered was “Agritourism or agrotourism – any agriculturally based operation or activity that brings visitors to a farm or ranch.”

Upon a Martz/Woodward motion, the PTPC closed the workshop at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;


Helen Klinepeter

Recording Secretary