

PEQUEA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of October 29, 2014

Call to order: A meeting of the Pequea Township Planning Commission was held October 29, 2014 and called to order by Fred Witmer, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the township's municipal building at 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Members of the commission in attendance were: Fred Witmer, Neil Freidly, Betsy Herr, and Robert Heckrote (who arrived at 7:10pm).

Others in attendance were:

Mark Deimler, John and Helen Miller, Melissa Kelly, Jackie Johns, Harry Lehman, and Jim Smoker.

Regular Meeting:

Mark Deimler led the meeting with a focus on Article 14.

Section 1402 – all set backs are now measured from the center of the road.

Section 1403.5 - Wood Fired Boilers – It was agreed that as long as there is a requirement that the wood fired boiler must remain 150 feet from each property line, the restriction of limiting wood fired boilers to the agriculture district would be lifted.

Discussion was held about adding Geothermal to the Alternative Energy Source Section. Because the building code addresses Geothermal use, the zoning ordinance will not add Geothermal to this section.

Section 1403.10 – Horse Boarding Requirements – change wording from “within any zone” to “within the agriculture zone”.

Section 1403.11 B. – Discussion was held about the maximum capacity for garaged vehicles. It was agreed that we should lift the restriction and eliminate the sentences “The maximum capacity for garaged vehicles on the lot shall be for three (3) vehicles. This shall include garaged vehicle storage within any attached garage as well as the proposed detached garage.”

Section 1405 – Change title to “Landscaping, Screening and Buffering Requirements for Non-Residential and Residential Uses (Excluding Agricultural Uses).

Section 1405 D. 1 – Change tree setback to ten (10) feet instead of five (5) feet.

Section 1405 F.1 – Plant Material Selection – Instead of requiring all species to be selected from the Native Plant List, have the section read “A minimum of 50% of the species shall be selected from Appendix B - ...” to allow for more variety.

Section 1406 – No discussion

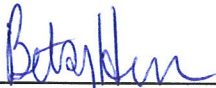
Section 1425 – In the title change “animals” to “livestock”.

Article 11 – Floodplain District – Should we make it a 500 or 100 year flood plain?
Discussion was held, but it was agreed that we would come back to this topic at the next meeting.

Discussion was led by Jackie Johns about restricting how people fill and drain their above ground swimming pools. Concerns about water run off and wells being drained were discussed. It was agreed that storm water management addresses those concerns.

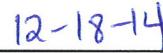
Mr. Freidly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. seconded by Mr. Witmer.

Meeting Adjourned



Betsy Herr

Planning Commission Secretary



Date of Approval