

PEQUEA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of February 25, 2015

Call to order: A meeting of the Pequea Township Planning Commission was held February 25, 2015 and called to order by Robert Heckrote, 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: Robert Heckrote, Neil Freidly, Fred Witmer, and Betsy Herr.

Others in attendance were:

Mark Deimler, Jackie Johns, Harry Lehman, Chris Johnston, Jim Hocker, Melissa Kelly, Larry Lovato, Don Flick, and Rob Reidenbach

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Mr. Heckrote moved to approve the January minutes. Mr. Witmer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Regular Meeting:

Pequea Elementary School Additions and Renovations:

Jim Hocker reviewed the comments by Solanco Engineering Associates and has no objection to the comments. A sidewalk easement will be part of the final plan.

Mr. Heckrote made a motion that the County approves the plan as presented provided that the items from Solanco dated February 23rd all be addressed, and that if a waiver for the construction of a sidewalk be granted by the County, it be noted that the school district would bear the cost of adding a sidewalk should that day come. Mr. Freidly seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Continued Discussion of the revised Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Freidly expressed concern about breeding kennels – is 40 acres too much? Mr. Heckrote asked what the difference in noise is between a boarding kennel and a breeding kennel? Discussion was held about acreage and restrictions of where on the property a breeding kennel can be located. Mr. Heckrote made a recommendation that

40 acres be changed to 20 acres to keep it the restriction consistent with boarding kennels. All in favor.

Mr. Deimler recommended adding a section in the Ordinance to address Internal Combustion Engine Generators to control sound impact. The Planning Commission recommends that this be added to the zoning ordinance.

Jackie Johns presented a concern with propane tanks and asked if there was a way they could be screened. Mr. Freidly was concerned that if we require screening, it places more of a burden on the homeowner, as there are already restrictions on where you can put propane tanks. It was decided that the zoning ordinance would not require screening of propane tanks.

Mr. Heckrote made a motion to recommend adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the presented draft of the Pequea Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Freidly seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Other Items:

Melissa Kelly presented an Education program for Planning Commission Members and invited members to attend these webinars.

Melissa Kelly informed the Planning Commission of a new Restricted Sidewalks Map which will help with deciding where sidewalks should be located.

Mr. Heckrote made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. seconded by Mr. Freidly.

Meeting Adjourned



Betsy Herr
Planning Commission Secretary

4-29-15
Date of Approval