

# **PENN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2023**

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The Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) met on August 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. PTPC members present were Forrest Woodward, Art Dalla Piazza, Robin Bahrenburg, Meranda Harwood, Marcia Cavanagh and Forrest Woodward. Others present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary) and Ted Brilhart. Engineer. Marsha

### **WORKSHOP**

The Workshop started at 6:40 p.m. with a discussion about the changes to the Subdivision and Land Development.

2. Not less than fifteen (15) regular business days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Planning Commission, the Applicant shall submit an additional One (1) copy of the Application, two (2) copies and one (1) optical disc containing a digital PDF format file not exceeding ten (10) megabytes of the Preliminary Plat to the Penn Township Secretary. To assist expeditious review by the county the applicant shall submit these directly to the county and notify the Penn Township Secretary of the submittal.

The PTPC decided to change Section 301 by adding to the Open Space in R1. The list of approved agencies.

The workshop closed upon a Woodward/Hardwood motion at 7:04 p.m. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

A list of visitors attending is available in the Township Office. The meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes. Chairman Dalla Piazza called the meeting to order.

### **VISITORS**

**Ben Smith** – Mr. Smith informed the PTPC that he would like to put houses on Furnley's mountain and his business on the property next to Buddy Boy to store his equipment on. Mr. Smith want to come and discuss his plans. The PTPC offered that he should draw up his plans and show both existing and new plans.

### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**Karns' Solar Panel.** Mr. Zampogna explained that they are asking for variances. The first request is the height of the panel so that the panels will be we in line and we are asking to go up to 15 feet. The bottom of the panels would all be 30 inches from the ground. The second request for impervious surfaces is being withdrawn. The third request is for total surface area. We are requesting 20% of the impervious surface. This does not make sense of a commercial. This is a 2-acre lot. Upon on Woodward/Bahrenburg, the PTPC voted unanimously that the Supervisors attend and support the variances.

The PTPC suggested that Mr. Zampogna come to a workshop next month on the 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for work on the amendment of the solar portion of the ordinance.

**Conroy Farms Variance Request** – Mr. Conroy explained that he would like to add 600 feet to the garage to have a gym for his son. Mr. Conroy offered that the gym would be closer to the road than the principal building. The addition can not be behind the garage due to a steep slope. Upon a Woodward/Harwood motion, the PTPC voted that the Supervisors are not a party to this variance.

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**Minutes** – Secretary presented the July 17, 2023 minutes. Upon a Woodward/Cavanaugh motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

**Amend the Agenda** – No amendment.

**Adjournment** – Upon a Woodward/Cavanagh motion, the PTPC closed the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Helen Klinepeter  
Recording Secretary