

PENN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Penn Township Planning Commission (PTPC) met on August 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. PTPC members present were Forrest Woodward, Art Dalla Piazza, Robin Bahrenburg, Jessica Bryington, and Marcia Cavanaugh. Others present were Jennifer Blouch (Secretary), and Ted Brilhart (Engineer).

Meeting for Fireworks and SALDO: Mr. Dalla Piazza summarized the proposed changes in the SALDO. No public comment was made. Mr. Dalla Piazza summarized the proposed Display Fireworks Ordinance. No public comment was made. Upon a Woodward/Bahrenburg motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to close the meeting for public comment of the SALDO and Display Fireworks at 6:03pm.

Training: Miscellaneous discussion on Conditional Uses.

Workshop

Supervisor Karen Potteiger discussed the proposed changes to the Nuisance Ordinance with the PTPC. Mrs. Potteiger proposed that the Nuisance Ordinance should reference the Right to Farm act in order for Farmers to be protected as the Right to Farm Act changes. The board and Mrs. Potteiger discussed the acceptable period of time that trash can be left out, and illegal dumping. Noise issues for residents, roadwork, and construction were also discussed.

Upon a Woodward/Bahrenburg motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to close the workshop at 6:57pm.

The meeting opened at 6:58pm.

Visitors

Gary Shaffer is representing the VFW. The VFW would like to construct and install a sign at the Veteran's Memorial Garden. They would like for the eagle scouts to do the project. The secretary will look into waiving the requirement of engineer sealed plans. The secretary informed Mr. Shaffer that the first step is to apply for a sign permit. Mr. Dalla Piazza recommended that the VFW request to have the administrative fees waived. The secretary informed Mr. Shaffer that the inspection and review fees cannot be waived.

Kyle Potteiger is interested in purchasing 271 Sawmill Road, and would like to know if the current cesspool system can be used. The secretary informed Mr. Potteiger that the Sewage Enforcement Officer would require that a perc test be performed, to ensure that an alternate system would be possible. Concern over the size of the lot was expressed by the board and the engineer.

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Ben Smith/Kaitlynn Bingaman applied for a zoning permit for a single family home on “Barnett Mountain.” The permit was denied, because of SALDO Section 401.a(5). (access to no more than 3 lots on a private ROW). Mr. Smith commented that because the Township did not take over the private road, the bottom 2 lots are not on that ROW. Mr. Smith commented that the plan was already approved for the subdivision. Mr. Woodward replied that the plan was never completed, and if plans aren’t completed within 5 years, they are no longer valid. Mr. Smith commented that he will get his attorney involved.

Subdivision/Land Development

Sheetz submitted new Land Development Plans. Mr. Dalla Piazza requested a letter from the Municipal Authority stating that there is an existing sufficient wastewater capacity. Upon a Woodward/Bahrenburg motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to table the Sheetz Land Development Plan until the next Planning Commission meeting.

Sheetz Zoning Hearing: Upon a Bahrenburg/Woodward motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to recommend that the Supervisors be a party to the hearing on September 11, 2025 if they have their own concerns.

Minutes

Upon a Woodward/Cavanaugh motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to table the July 21, 2025 minutes.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Driveway Ordinance - The Planning Commission will review.

New Business

None

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Adjournment – Upon a Woodward/Bahrenburg motion, the PTPC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary