

Potter Township Planning Commission
March 28, 2017

Members Present: Ron Grove, Michele Brown, Karl Eysenbach, Mary Carol Frier, Paul Sampsell and Mike Troyan

Members Absent: Tom Doman

Others Present: Robert Fox, Penn Township Supervisor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ron Grove.

Approval of Minutes: Michele Brown made the motion to accept the March 7, 2017 Minutes with the changes noted; Paul Sampsell seconded; motion carried.

Citizen's Concerns: None

Zoning Officer's Report: None

Supervisor's Report: The Supervisors received a response from the Solicitor, Bob Rayman, that there was no reason why the Township could not pursue enacting a parking and/or hotel occupancy tax.

A suggestion was also made as to the possibility of revisiting the sign ordinance and the associated fees for permits.

The Township can also continue with the idea of having some timbering done in the woods at the old Township "dump" lot.

Correspondence:

1. Time Extension Request - Final Land Development Plan of Lot 1R for Jersey Shore State Bank - Centre Hall Branch, Potter Township, CCPCDO File No. 67-16

2. Minor Land Development Request - Proposed conversion of an existing 1,600 square foot barn into a cider production and sales business on Tax Parcel 20-006-007, Potter Township, CCPCDO File No. 29-17

Old Business:

- Parking Tax Ordinance. A copy of the Benner Township ordinance relating to a parking tax was handed out to the members. The Commission will continue to work on an Ordinance using the Benner Township one as a guideline.

- Tri-Municipal Park. The new plan for the Park was approved as well as moving forward to pursue grant money for the Park. The three (3) municipalities involved agreed to sign a resolution to match the grant, if needed, in order to proceed with the Park plan. The cell tower which is going into the Park ground is moving forward.

New Business: Bob Fox, a Penn Township Supervisor, came to the meeting to give the Planning Commission and Township some information about something which is taking place in Penn Township. Mobilite Corporation is putting up a cell tower on Paradise Road in the Township's right-of-way but also on privately owned land. It will consist of a 40-inch base and a 120' tower to be used for cell and data coverage. Bob's concern was that apparently neither the Township nor the landowner had been informed of the intention to put a tower in this location and the roadmaster came upon the hole drilling by accident. According to their Solicitor, Penn Township is not able to require permitting of these towers (such as with a Highway Occupancy Permit) according to the Ordinance they now have in place. The idea was brought up as to whether the P.V. Regional Planning Commission could look at writing an Ordinance on a valleywide basis to help control these towers which are coming into the area.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. on a motion by Paul Sampsell and seconded by Michele Brown.

Pamela R. Winter, Secretary