

**Potter Township Planning Commission
Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2018 Minutes**

Members Present: Ron Grove, Karl Eysenbach, Mary Carol Frier and Paul Sampsell

Members Absent: Michele Brown, Tom Doman and Mike Troyan

Others Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 7:20 p.m.

Election of Officers: The nominations for Chairman were opened. Karl Eysenbach nominated Ron Grove for Chairman; seconded by Mary Carol Frier; motion carried

The nominations for Vice Chairman were opened. Ron Grove nominated Karl Eysenbach for Vice Chairman; seconded by Mary Carol Frier; motion carried. The Chairman then took over the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Paul Sampsell made the motion to accept the December 5, 2017 Minutes as presented; Karl Eysenbach seconded; motion carried.

Citizen's Concerns: None

Zoning Officer's Report: Not distributed

Supervisor's Report: The Supervisors agreed with the Planning Commission's recommendation to "opt in" to allow Category 4 casinos in the Township. The Planning Commission needs to look at the Zoning Ordinance, specifically the PCI District Conditional Uses section which is where it was felt the casinos should be allowed.

Old Business: Ron reported that Tom Doman is now on the PVCA Board which is a two-year term. Part of his responsibilities lies in protecting and safeguarding the Penns Valley area water supply which will also include an educational component. Mary Carol suggested that the Master Well Owners group from PSU may provide some insight and useful information about preserving water quality.

New Business: The Supervisors received a letter and draft Resolution from PSATS asking Townships to discuss adopting a Resolution telling the House that Townships do not want wireless phone services to have "public utility" status. Allowing the wireless providers to have public utility status would mean they could erect cell towers in public rights-of-way, with the Township having no say in the matter.

2. A short discussion was held relative to changing the Zoning Ordinance to include casinos and dance halls in the PCI District as a conditional use.

3. If a casino would want to locate in Potter Township, the question was asked whether the Township's Sign Ordinance would be adequate to allow the types of signage which might be desired by a casino. A copy of the most recent Sign Ordinance was looked at and after discussion, the consensus was that this Ordinance seemed to be outdated. The Planning Commission stated that they were willing to modify or rewrite the Sign Ordinance. A suggestion was made to check out the sign ordinances of some surrounding townships before the next meeting. Ron volunteered to look at the County's ordinance and Karl said he would check out Walker Township's ordinance.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Karl Eysenbach and seconded by Mary Carol Frier.

Pamela R. Winter, Secretary