

Pennsbury Planning Commission Minutes
August 23, 2011

Chairman Bob Crandell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Bob Crandell, Jim Ware, Troy Brady, Chip Horne, and Margo Leach. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Penns Village – Anne Walters’ letter of review dated August 17, 2011 of Penns Village Preliminary/Final Landscape Plans, dated December 3, 2010, most recent revision number 5 (not dated) prepared by Stantec Consultants Services Inc.

Planning Commission members concurred with all of Ms. Walters’ comments.

Article XX – Supplemental Use Regulations. Residential Accessory Uses, Buildings, and Structures. Page 20-5, paragraph 5. Re: Solar Panels. Members were asked to address the question of revising the proposed new language allowing the installation of solar panels to be by right, to language calling for conditional use approval for the installation of solar panels.

Some members were concerned that this would make approval unnecessarily onerous and expensive in many cases and thought that the township should encourage the use of solar panels and pass an alternative energy ordinance. The consensus was that, as a safeguard, conditional use approval be required as an interim solution until the zoning update is adopted.

Margo Leach and Chip Horne volunteered to draft a new ordinance.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on September 13, 2011 at 1pm. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Margo Leach
Planning Commission Secretary