

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Crandell. Present: Bob Crandell, Jim Ware, Margo Leach, Lynn Luft and Kathy Howley. The minutes of May 22nd were approved.

Solar Ordinance Draft – Revision 2 – John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy was present to go over the second revision of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Snook went over each page and commented on the changes and why they were made. The following comments were made:

- ✚ Under the “glare provision” it was suggested that the application must “certify” there will be no glare from the panels.
- ✚ Troy Brady and Chip Horne could not be present but submitted their comments which were not thoroughly discussed.
- ✚ It was also noted that the conditional use process is not that onerous and the cost can be stated in the fee schedule at a lower rate than other conditional use hearings.
- ✚ Accessory structures will be use by right unless certain criteria exist and kicks it into conditional use status. Criteria for use by right and conditional use are stated in the draft.
- ✚ Mrs. Luft noted a concern about the elimination of trees in established neighborhoods because of the installation of solar panels and how can this be protected. It was stated that this might be impactful in dense neighborhoods and this would come under a conditional use hearing. During the hearing it would be incumbent upon the Board to be aware of the impact on natural resources. Mr. Snook said he would email Ms. Howley some samples of how this can be handled.

Mr. Snook will revise the proposed ordinance based on these discussions and submit a final draft.

Ms. Howley stated Natural Lands Trust submitted a natural areas stewardship report for the Pennsbury Park. This was done through a grant from SECCRA and is on file at the township.

Margo Leach and Alma Forsyth gave a report on a recent meeting held by the Brandywine Battlefield Task Force and Chester County Planning Commission. The meeting focused on trails, corridors and bike paths throughout the Battlefield Historic Landmark District. The report which is funded by a grant to CCPC will be given to the municipalities to encourage preservation in this area. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Howley, Recording Secretary