

**PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2013**

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Bob Crandell, Lynn Luft, Margo Leach, Troy Brady, Chip Horne, Jim Ware and Kathy Howley. The minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

The Planning Commission members discussed the process of when a zoning hearing board applicant is on the agenda to discuss their application for a hearing. Members would like to have as much information beforehand as possible and, if time permits, make their recommendation to the supervisors at the following PC meeting and not that night.

2012 Annual Report to the Supervisors – Jim Ware moved to void the motion he made at the March 12th meeting regarding the revising of the Annual Report that was submitted to the supervisors. The motion was seconded and all members were in favor. Lynn Luft moved to accept the proposed revisions to the 2012 Annual Report outlined by Chip Horne. The motion was seconded and all members were in favor. Chip Horne will make the revisions and resend to the supervisors.

SALDO Update – Kathy Howley reported the VPP grant application has been submitted to Chester County and the township should know the results by May. In the meantime members will review the SALDO for areas of importance to the township that should be noted and submitted to John Snook and Matt Houtman when the project starts. This will help them to focus on any possible deficiencies and new areas of best management practices.

Accessory Structures – currently the zoning regs limit this to 600 sq ft. It was noted that swimming pools fall into this category. It was suggested that the township might want to change zoning regs to make swimming pools exempt. More discussion to follow on this topic.

Jim Ware reported on his attendance at a Kennett Township Planning Commission meeting at which time that township discussed the proposed demolition of three historic bungalows by Longwood Gardens. This is part of their 40 year plan. They proposed to demolish them and not rebuild. A decision was tabled for 90 days. He also reported on a recent court case that rescinded a decision regarding a commercial development in New Garden Township. He also attended a recent Kennett Area Reg. PC meeting at which time the Kennett Regional Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Pennsbury Township had signed onto that plan in 2000. Dennis Smith will review it and report back to members.

Lynn Luft reported she had attended a Regional Historical Commission meeting at which time the Longwood Gardens proposed demolition of historic homes was discussed, as well as a future museum in Pocopson Township for the underground railroad.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary