

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2017

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Bob Crandell, Jeff Streitl, Jim Ware, Corinne Murphy and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of August 14, 2017 were approved as amended.

Dennis Smith reported on the recent supervisor's meeting and the presentation by Chadds Ford Township consultant Peter Simone regarding the Walkable Chadds Ford Plan.

Groundwater Protection proposed amendment – A discussion followed as to the feasibility of drafting an amendment to our zoning ordinance addressing quantity of water exportation. It would be very costly to have research done and at this point, Pennsbury Township's exposure to this type of thing is very limited. There would be no cost benefit to the township. Bob Crandell moved to not pursue drafting this amendment and Jeff Streitl seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Dennis Smith reviewed with members Mr. Oeste's 2015 suggestion for a simple amendment restricting water exportation in residential areas. Members thought this might have some merit. Mr. Smith also shared with members Lynn Luft's email comments and concerns about the cost of doing this type of research for an ordinance amendment. Mr. Crandell withdrew his motion. Corinne Murphy stated she was concerned about the unintended consequences with this type of restriction. Mrs. Murphy moved to not go forward with a full blown amendment based on the research invested and cost to do the amendment. Mr. Crandell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. It was agreed by all that Dennis Smith would contact Tom Oeste to pursue the option of drafting a simple amendment possibly restricting water exportation in residential zones and keeping it in highway commercial or light industrial with the caveat that if public water is available in these areas, it must be used rather than on site water.

Dennis Smith will check with Mr. Houtmann regarding the status of the Brenn Subdivision for the next meeting on September 11th. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary