

**PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Bob Crandell, Corinne Murphy, Dennis Smith, Jeff Streitel, Jim Ware. The minutes of September 11, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Water Exportation regulation was discussed with the aim of identifying key questions that the Commission will ask Tom Oeste at the next meeting. Lynn Luft's email listing topics of discussion was referenced during the meeting to ensure her questions were covered.

Questions for Mr. Tom Oeste are as follows:

- 1) Can the Township implement a tax or fee on water exportation activity in order to make it less appealing?
 - a. If it is permissible, is the following draft language usable and what changes would be required?
"Payment of a monthly surcharge to the Township on all water exports equivalent to two (2) times the commercial rate charged by the local water supplier. This rate will be set when permit is issued."
- 2) The primary areas of concern are the Light Industrial and Residential districts. As such, can the Township allow water exportation only in the Highway Commercial district, thus effectively making it impermissible everywhere else in the Township?
- 3) The Commission is interested in further discussion around Mr. Oeste's statement via email that "the township does not have the power to require connection to a water system owned and operated by a utility." During discussion, it was asked why our township's situation might differ from others where, anecdotally, this hookup requirement is allowable.
- 4) Can the Township amend the Brandywine Conservancy Conservation easement on the Mendenhall property to exclude water exportation? And, if we're restricting water exportation from the Residential district, would this be unnecessary?

Alma Forsyth was present and stated her concerns around ground water protection and the importance of local government enacting rules for this protection.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the next Planning Commission meeting was moved to Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Streitel