

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2018

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. The meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for January 10th. Present were Corinne Murphy, Lynn Luft, Jim Ware, Dennis Smith and Jeff Streitl by phone who later joined the meeting. The minutes of December 11, 2017 were approved as amended. It was noted that two Unionville High School students were present to observe the meeting for the AP government class.

414 Old Baltimore Pike, Geewax Property – this property consists of approximately 33 acres which used to be the old Chadds Peak ski area. Mr. Geewax bought the property and in 1999 a stipulation was signed by the township and Mr. Geewax allowing the property to be used as a business. Conditions for that use were spelled out in the stipulation which is the result of a zoning hearing board decision. This variance goes with the land and the property has been vacant for 10+ years and is on the market. Mike Morby, interested buyer, was present with his realtor, Thomas Taylor and business partner Heidi Bowman, to explore different uses for that property which consists of a renovated barn as well as an old Victorian house in need of repair. Both structures are historic. Realtor's representing the seller were also present. Mr. Morby would like to use the property for events such as weddings, parties, business seminar meetings etc. His wife is a designer and he is a wedding photographer. He would like to know if the township would be amendable to this use. Discussion followed as to what type of events he would have there, number of guests and number of events per year, as well as the concern that residents and the township might have with increased traffic and noise. Ms. Howley stated that the stipulation goes with the land and any other use outside of that document would have to go to the zoning hearing board. It was suggested that Mr. Morby send Ms. Howley an email outlining his business plan for the property which she could share with the supervisors. The next Board meeting would be February 21, 2018 and he is welcome to appear at the meeting to discuss his potential plans.

Organization Meeting – The following officers were elected for 2018 – Dennis Smith, Chairman, Corinne Murphy, Vice Chairman and Jeff Streitl Secretary. The Historical Commission and Brandywine Battlefield Task Force representative will be Lynn Luft and the Regional Planning Commission rep. is Jim Ware. Corinne Murphy expressed a desire to attend that meeting when she is available. The meeting date will change back to Tuesday at 5 p.m. starting in February. This will be advertised. However, the next meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2018 starting at 4 p.m. with the supervisors to discuss planning for 2018 followed by the regularly scheduled PC meeting for the month of January.

Alma Forsyth sent members copies of information regarding a resolution that the DE Riverkeepers would like municipalities to pass to protect surrounding bodies of water from fracking. Members will study the information and discuss further at another meeting.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Howley, Recording Secretary