

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2018

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Jim Ware, Jeff Streitl, Corinne Murphy, Lynn Luft and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of April 10, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Comments on the draft of the Chester County Landscapes 3 Plan (facilitator Lynn Luft) – members were not able to attend the recent public meeting held on April 10th. However, the next public meeting is May 1st and some members will be attending at the Great Valley Corporate Center. In the meantime, members discussed what was posted on the county website with regard to the draft and comments from the public thus far. Pennsbury is concerned about the push by the County for economic development along the Rt. 1 corridor, specifically through our township, as well as along this route to the Maryland border. The southern part of the county is rich in agriculture, especially along this corridor and members question the reasoning for this. The County is known for its scenic vistas and open space program. Pennsbury Township has worked hard to keep the scenic vista in tact along Rt. 1 through out township as well as pointing out the importance of the Brandywine Battlefield corridor in our area. Conservation easements have been placed on township property along Rt. 1. Members will revisit this topic at their next meeting and address a letter to the County Planning Commission which will be shared with the supervisors. The Board of Supervisors indicated that they would be sending their own letter to CCPC on the same topic.

Event Space – Lynn Luft stated that the Cultural Conservation zoning draft has a definition for event space for non-profits but does not address “for profit”. Supervisors suggested that their last public meeting that for profit should be along a major highway. Mrs. Luft also stated her research thus far points to placing this under a conditional use option in the highway commercial. She continues to do research and will revisit this at the next PC meeting.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary