

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2019

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Dennis Smith, Jim Ware, Corinne Murphy, Lynn Luft and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved as submitted.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2019 – Dennis Smith reviewed with members what he believed was the PC responsibility of their group in addressing issues in 2019 as noted from the planning seminar. It was agreed that #4, 6 and 14 as noted in the minutes of March 26, 2019 would be addressed, as time would allow during the year, by their group. Corinne Murphy has agreed to research #6 which deals with the issue of large homes being built on small lots and therefore, homeowners exceeding impervious coverage because they wish to install a pool.

Previously it was suggested that the Open Space Design Option be deleted. Mrs. Murphy talked about how this design option works which allows for more open space to be saved. She wants to get a clear picture as to how this deletion would benefit the township and what would be in its place. There was much discussion on how members handled this issue over the past 3-4 years with no definitive conclusion for what path to take. It was previously suggested that the township increases lot size, up to 1.7 acres, to accommodate such things as pools on lots with large house coverage and keep the 15% max impervious coverage. It was noted that if the township has a regulation like this, it should generally be enforced and no variances granted unless there is a valid hardship. Mrs. Murphy will continue her research and as time permits, this subject will be on future meeting agendas.

Dennis Smith stated the next PC meeting is May 14th and will at that time determine if there will be a meeting on May 28th, day after Memorial Day holiday. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary