

**PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

Chair Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Corinne Murphy, Jim Ware, Dennis Smith, Lynn Luft and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of January 28, 2020 were approved as submitted. Boy Scout Ethan Bockoven was present with his father. He is working on his citizenship merit badge.

POPE RESIDENCE SOLAR PANEL APPLICATION – Mr. Pope as well as the solar panel installer, Chris Colgan were present to explain the installation of the ground mounted solar panels. The conditional use hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 6 p.m. in the township building. Dennis Smith and Lynn Luft made a site visit on Monday, 2/24. Dennis Smith explained the application process and how the Planning Commission members are an advisory committee to the supervisors.

The Pope property is located at 9 Evergreen Court and is a 4.3-acre lot. The array will be located towards the back of the lot in an open space area far enough away from side and back yard setback lines. The following was noted:

1. Federal credit for solar installation in 2020 is 26%.
2. The panel array will be 33' wide and 15' deep (103 inches). It is a 10,000-watt system
3. They are working on the glare study and will have it done by the hearing date.
4. A plot plan showing topography showing setback was requested. Storm water management does not seem to be an issue. A mesh skirt around the bottom of the array will be installed.
5. Mrs. Luft asked that the array be moved further away from a specimen tree. The applicant will try to address this.

With no further discussion Jim Ware moved to recommend supporting the application conditioned upon the item 3-5 above. Corinne Murphy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Jeff Streitel had sent out a draft of the 2019 annual report. With some minor changes, members moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. Motion carried. The report will be sent to the Supervisors by March 1st.

The township is in receipt of a roof mounted solar panel application for 26 Colonial Drive, Parker Preserve. All members received a copy of this application and it will be discussed at the March 24th PC meeting. The hearing will be scheduled in April. There is a planning workshop on March 10th at 5:30 at which time members will start their discussion on an amendment to the solar energy ordinance. The other planning workshop is scheduled for September 8th.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary