

**PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020**

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Dennis Smith, Mike Clements, Corinne Murphy, Kathleen Howley, remote attendance Jeff Streitell, Lynn Luft, Jim Ware. The minutes of July 28, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Kearney Solar Panel Application - Members reviewed the application for a ground mounted solar panel installation at 48 Blue Stone Drive. Mr. Kearney was present as well as Mr. Brunori representing the installer. Mr. Kearney stated he wants the solar panels because his home as well as his cars are all electric and these panels will reduce the cost of electricity. PECO is in the process of reviewing his application. The following was noted:

1. His property is 2.8 acres with a fence around the backyard.
2. Panels will have southern 180-degree orientation.
3. He will be adding landscaping to minimize the visual effect on his neighbors. He has landscaping experience and has put a plan together which is included in the application. Mrs. Luft asked that it would be helpful for the township to get feedback on how well the proposed planting worked out for the installation.
4. He has talked to all of his neighbors and no one expressed any concern with this installation. Mr. Smith advised him it would be helpful to get that in writing from them which Mr. Kearney said he would do.
5. Glare study has been done and there is minimal glare. The arrays are not near any street.
6. He is open to discussing possible fencing around the array. However, all circuits will be in a locked box and nothing exposed.
7. There will be gravel beneath the arrays for storm water management.
8. Height will be less than 10 ft.
9. Ms. Howley stated she would check with Mr. Oeste on the hearing date. Most likely it will be on September 16th at 6 p.m. but she will confirm that with the Board.

With no further discussion Dennis Smith moved to recommend approval of the application with the condition that the neighbors and PECO accept and approve the installation. Corinne Murphy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathleen Howley discussed a proposed circuit trail initiated by Chester County Planning which will run from the Chadds Ford area south along Rt. 1 to the state line. The PC workshop date has been changed to October 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Lynn Luft stated that Judi Wilson from the Historic Commission will be sending Dennis Smith her report on the Heritage program. The PC will review the ZHB application for the Reese property at their next meeting on 9/22/20. Fairville Inn owner Willie Roldan will submit his proposal for special events and discuss at this meeting. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary