

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 26, 2022

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Dennis Smith, Jeff Streitl, Mike Clements, Corinne Murphy (by phone), Kay Ellsworth, Alan Matas and Kathleen Howley.

Attanasio ZHB review – Present were Mr. & Mrs. Attanasio and Ken Hoffman, engineer for the applicants. Dennis Smith explained the process for a Zoning Hearing Board and the applicant appears at the Planning Commission as well as the Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Mr. Hoffman explained the hardship involved which is the shape of the lot that is on a rise and the back of the house is actually facing the front yard. They propose to install an above ground pool in the front yard. The neighbors have not been notified of the meeting because the date had just been set to August 22nd at 7 p.m. Ed Foley’s office will be sending out notices. Members did not have any further comments and a motion was made to recommend the township stay neutral. There was a second and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Township Engineer Matt Houtmann was present to discuss changes to the Storm Water Management Ordinance as requested by the County. Mr. Houtmann distributed marked up copies of the County ordinance and reviewed with members the comments that would impact our township ordinance. Members asked that the definition section of the ordinance be coordinated with the definition section of our other ordinances. Members also agreed that notification “by applicant” to neighbors be done in certain circumstances as defined in the ordinance. A discussion followed as to how the township can keep track of the maintenance of storm water systems by property owners. This could possibly be done similar to how the septic systems are maintained in a data base by the township. When appropriate, Mr. Houtmann stated the simplified method for maintenance should be used. A motion was made to approve the passage of the revised Storm Water Management Ordinance as recommended by the township engineer. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dennis Smith stated each member had been given a township to research their tree protection and riparian buffer ordinance. A discussion followed as to the possibility of obtaining a permit for the cutting down of certain trees, ie specimen trees and large caliper non-invasive trees. This will be reviewed at a workshop scheduled for August 31st at 5:30 p.m.

A one lot addition to Parker Preserve Subdivision was submitted by the Dambro Family for review. Mr. Houtmann was reviewed for completeness. The next Planning Commission meeting will be August 23rd at 5:30 p.m. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary