

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2018

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Jeff Streitl, Dennis Smith, Lynn Luft, Bob Crandell and Corinne Murphy by phone. The minutes of March 13, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Members discussed the upcoming meetings hosted by Chester County Planning Commission soliciting input for Landscapes 3 County Plan. Members are not supportive of the recent efforts of the Economic Council and supported by the County Commissioners to encourage economic development along the Route 1 corridor from Pennsbury Township down to the Maryland state line. Generally speaking, this is a stretch of agricultural landscape that members would like to see stay open. In fact, Pennsbury Township has focused efforts to preserve land along the Rt. 1 corridor by purchasing land around the township building and putting an easement on it. Economic development would be more appropriate in other areas of the County. Lynn Luft will draft a document reflecting member's comments to be sent to the County Planning Commission and have it ready for the next meeting. Ms. Howley will ask the supervisors if they wish to add their comments or send a separate letter.

Review of Sign Ordinance – Corinne Murphy led the discussion on signage and commented that the Supreme Court case on signage cited in the last meeting did not apply to our current ordinance. Rusty Drumheller's survey of signs along Rt. 1 and Rt. 52 was reviewed. Most signs are compliant although some are not aesthetically pleasing as well as being grandfathered in. It was suggested that the supervisors might want to send a letter to sign owners to encourage an update of the sign. It appears that our ordinance sufficiently addresses signage and no further review will be done at this time.

Event Space – Lynn Luft led the discussion. Members discussed what might be relevant when drafting conditions and criteria for special events for commercial and residential properties. Members will continue to gather information addressing these issues from townships that have similarde regs and come up with wording for our ordinances. It appears that surrounding townships handle this under a conditional use process and only in certain zones.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary