

**PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Smith at 5 p.m. Present: Bob Crandell (by phone), Lynn Luft, Jim Ware, Margo Leach, Dennis Smith, new member Jeff Streitl and Kathy Howley. The minutes of December 8, 2015 were approved as submitted. Clarisse Cofrancesco and Maureen Burns, Unionville High School students were present for their AP Government class.

The Commission proceeded to organize for 2016. Bob Crandell nominated Dennis Smith for Chairman and Jim Ware seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Dennis Smith nominated Bob Crandell for Vice Chairman and Margo Leach seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Bob Crandell nominated Lynn Luft for Secretary and Dennis Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was taken to reappoint the following members to various committee and all members were in favor. The motion carried.

Historic Commission Representative – Lynn Luft
Kennett Area Reg. Planning Com. – Jim Ware
Brandywine Battlefield Task Force – Margo Leach

The Commission voted to continue to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5 p.m.

Leach Zoning Hearing Board Request – Margo Leach explained to members why she was requesting a variance for a garage for her home on Brintons Bridge Road. Ms. Leach recused herself from voting and discussion as a Planning Commission member. She is appearing before the Commission as a township resident. Her house is for sale and prospective buyers want to know a garage can be built. The side yard setbacks have changed since her home was built in 1985 and placement of a garage would not meet that setback. The existing house is non-conforming. The garage size would be approximately 22 x 22 ft. Members suggested she get neighbors support for her application. With no further discussion Bob Crandell recommended support of the application as long as her neighbors have no objections. Jim Ware seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. The next Supervisor's meeting will be Feb. 10th and she will be on that agenda to seek the Board's support for her application.

Longwood Gardens Cooperative Planning Project - Lynn Luft had some questions about the list of accessory uses. It was agreed that "performing arts, visitor center, ticket facility and restaurant were questionable for inclusion in the Pennsbury proposed ordinance and Susan Elks will be asked to clarify why these are included as accessory use. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting which will be January 26th at 5 p.m. Also on that agenda will be Windmill Hollow. These plans will be available ahead of time if anyone wants to review them and Ms. Howley will check with Mr. Houtman to make sure he has reviewed them before the meeting. The annual planning seminar will be Wednesday, January 27th at 4 p.m. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary