

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2017

Chairperson Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Bob Crandell, Jim Ware, Jeff Streitel, Corinne Murphy, Lynn Luft and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of February 27, 2017 were approved as amended.

FEMA Map Update – Flood Ordinance Revisions – Township Engineer Matt Houtman was present to discuss the suggested changes to our Flood Plain Ordinance as a result of the changes to the FEMA flood maps. The maps are to be released June, 2017 and in order to be eligible for future FEMA grants, the township ordinance must comply with these map changes. Last year Ms. Howley submitted a copy of our ordinance to a FEMA consultant, Leslie Rhoades, to review and comment. The comments were returned and Mr. Houtman reviewed them. Mr. Houtman stated that our flood plain ordinances were in good shape and most suggested changes were cross referencing with our ordinance.

Members were given a copy of Ms. Rhoades review and Mr. Houtman went page by page commenting on that review. In most cases the changes were referencing the “100 year Flood” as the Base Flood Elevation. This will also be changed in the definitions. It was also suggested that no fencing be in the flood plain. Existing fencing is grandfathered in. In Section 1604(F) it shall read that “no development” be included. There were other minor changes reviewed and members agreed to these changes. Mr. Houtman will go over the changes with Mr. Oeste before sending them onto him for advertising and also a Chester County review.

Water Resource Conservation – Corinne Murphy distributed copies of a suggested ordinance to address the exportation of water. This was drafted from two existing similar ordinances in other townships. This ordinance would be included in our zoning ordinance but Tom Oeste will confirm where this should go. Members did not finish reviewing and commenting. This will be put on the 4/10 agenda for continuation.

Jim Ware commented on the Kennett Regional Planning Commission meeting he had attended. One topic of discussion at the meeting was the recent independent study done on a proposed regional fire company and ambulance coverage.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary