

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2021

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Corinne Murphy, Dennis Smith, Mike Clements and Kathleen Howley. Also present was Russell Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer. The minutes of November 17, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Shipe Solar Application – Mr. Shipe was present along with PowerHome solar company representative. Also present was Mrs. Pucci, neighbor to Mr. Shipe and her attorney. Mrs. Pucci objected to the proposed installation claiming it would devalue her property. Another neighbor also submitted a letter in opposition. Mr. Shipe presented a landscape plan that he believes will mitigate the visual impact of the installation. He said panels on the roof of his home in the back would not generate enough power. The PowerHome rep also stated that glare is not an issue and panels have anti-reflective material. After much discussion, members voted unanimously not to recommend to the Supervisors support of this application because it does not meet our ordinances and due to neighbor objections.

McCloskey Solar Application – Mr. & Mrs. McCloskey were present as well as Bob Greenstreet from VisionSolar to discuss the installation of roof top solar panels. It was noted that the panels had been installed without a permit and Mr. Greenstreet apologized for that. The plans originally submitted were not the same as what was installed. Mr. Greenstreet stated the paperwork for PECO is in the works and forthcoming. There was no glare study submitted which needs to be done. Mr. Greenstreet commented that roof top panels have less glare than ground mounts. Mr. Drumheller stated once the Supervisors conduct the hearing and approve installation, then the application could be submitted and reviewed by him. Mr. Smith moved to recommend approval of the application with the condition that there is PECO approval and the system would not produce off-site glare. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. All were in favor and motion passed.

The next meeting will be the organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm. It was noted that Lynn Luft is retiring from the Commission and will not seek another term. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley, Recording Secretary