

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2022

Dennis Smith opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Present were Corinne Murphy, Jeff Streitel, Dennis Smith, Mike Clements and Kathleen Howley.

Organization – Corinne Murphy nominated Dennis Smith as Chairperson; Jeff Streitel seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. Dennis Smith nominated Corinne Murphy as Vice Chair and Jeff Streitel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. Dennis Smith nominated Jeff Streitel as Secretary and Corinne Murphy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Dennis Smith nominated Judi Wilson, Chair of the Historic Commission as the liaison to the Planning Commission and she will interact with the group when necessary. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. Corinne Murphy will be our point person with the Historic Commission.

The minutes of December 14, 2021 were submitted for approval. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Heinle ZHB application for pool – Mr. Heinle and his attorney Mr. Tupitza were present to discuss this application. He is requesting a variance for steep slope as well as the backyard setback. The pool will be 10 ft of the backyard property line instead of 50 ft. and steep slope surrounds the property. The proposed location of the pool is the only place they can place it. There was discussion about the secondary septic area being reserved and this should be noted on the plan. Impervious coverage is at 13.9%. Mr. Heinle had supporting letters from his neighbors on both sides and will contact the Andersons who own the land behind him. With no further discussion members unanimously voted to recommend support of the application with the condition that he confirm the Anderson's are not against the placement of the pool.

Hill Girt Farm CU Special Event Application – H.G. Haskell was present to discuss his application for special events on the farm. He proposes to have approximately 12 dinners on the farm for the public (Farm to Table dinners) as well as some weddings. He is not sure at this time of the number of weddings which may change with additions and cancellations. Right now, there will be 4. He has been doing the dinners for at least 6 years and now with the ordinance in place, he wants to get township approval. Parking is in a field across from the large barn. Lighting is minimal – enough to provide safety for visitors. Cooking is done in a tent on the side of the barn and he never has more than 100 people in the barn. He obtains all approvals from the Chester Co. Health Dept and provides portable restrooms. All events are BYOB and dinners run generally from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. He does have the support of his neighbors although he only has a couple of neighbors across Cossart Road that might be impacted by the events. Dinners run from July through October depending on weather. Members voted unanimously to support the conditional use application for dinners and other limited events. They thanked Mr. Haskell for his attendance. Ms. Howley stated that the hearing is set for February 16th at 6 p.m. in the township building.

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The next meeting will be February 22, 2022. Jeff Streitl will draft the annual report given to the Supervisors. Mr. Smith reported to members the results of the Shipe and McCloskey CU hearings for solar applications. The Planning Seminar with the Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd at 4 p.m. just prior to the PC meeting at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Howley stated she will put in the next newsletter the volunteer application for township committees.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary