

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2023

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Karen Meloney, Alan Matas, Kay Ellsworth, Corinne Murphy, Mike Clements, and Recording Secretary Kathleen Howley. Also present from the township Rusty Drumheller, Historic Commission members Judi Wilson, Lynn Luft, and Jeannine Speirs from the Chester Co. Plan. Commission.

Jeannine Speirs gave an overview of the goals and objectives pertaining to the scope of work outlined in the County Vision Partnership Program grant which was awarded to the Township for amending ZO Article 17 Historic Resources about demolition of historic structures as well as the adaptive reuse of historic structures. The grant contract ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. The amendment will be advertised for review and adoption on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Tonight's changes will be sent to Tom Oeste on Friday to be incorporated in the draft amendment and advertised by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Judi Wilson, Historic Commission Chairperson, stated the demolition by neglect section of the ordinance needed to be flushed out and streamlined as well as our ordinance amended to encourage the adaptive reuse of an historic structure rather than seeing it fall into disrepair and demolished. A discussion followed with members to help clarify some sections of the proposed amendment. With no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Matas to recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of the amendment. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. Members thanked Jeannine Speirs and the Historic Commission for all their hard work. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Recording Secretary