

Washington Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

June 16th, 2020

7: 00 PM

1. Zoning Officer Norm Willow called the Washington Township Planning Commission Reorganization meeting to order on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, 7:00 PM at the Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro PA 16412. Those present were Commission members, Sam Kim, John Allen, Diann Smith and Ken Meyer. In attendance were Zoning Officer Norm Willow. Guests attending the meeting were Kirsten & Brian Pollard, Mike Sanford, Frank & Brenda Tucci, Robert Sturm, Vernon Kwiatkowski, Brian How, Gerald Hoffman, Dorothy Cokinos, Jay Marcinowski, Celeste Bently, Peter & Patti Held, Jack Pavkov, Nora Dzara, Stephanie Mitchell, Dave Skellie, John Purvis, Terry Kilburn and Tom Stine.
2. AGENDA APPROVAL: A motion by John Allen to move Item 6, New Business ahead of item 5, Old business, seconded by Ken Meyer. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. MINUTES: A motion by Ken Meyer to approve the May 19th Planning Commission meeting minutes was second by John Allen. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. CORRESPONDENCE: None
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Edinboro Marketplace Phase 2. Overall site plan and car wash plan received approval of the Land Development Plan on November 20th, 2018. Current submittal, Phase 2, involves the center portion of the parcel, a two unit retail space with drive through for one of the tenants, Dunkin Donuts. A motion from John Allen to recommend final approval of the minor LDP, seconded by Ken Meyer. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - Solar Energy Systems draft ordinance was discussed at length. John Purvis of Solar Revolutions addressed questions from the Commission and from guests. Two emails and 1 letter in support of the solar ordinance were presented to the Commission. After hearing comments and discussion from guests (see below), Ken Meyer made a motion to recommend approval of the ordinance, seconded by John Allen. **Motion carried unanimously.**
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Peter Held, of Cambridge Springs area, and Brian Pollard asked John Purvis some general questions about solar, not directly related to the ordinance. Brian Pollard had questions and concerns about having a commercial solar on the parcel behind his home. Jack Pavko had questions about the effect of commercial solar and enrollment in Clean and Green and Agriculture Security programs; Zoning officer Willow committed to seek answers from Erie County Assessment and Planning.
8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion by John Allen to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. was seconded by Diann Smith. **Motion carried unanimously.**