

# Washington Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7: 00 PM

1. Zoning Officer Norm Willow called the Washington Township Planning Commission Reorganization meeting to order on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00 PM at the Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro PA 16412. Those present were Commission members, Chuck Weiss, John Allen, Diann Smith and Ken Meyer. In attendance were Council Representative Mike Feikles and Zoning Officer Norm Willow. Attending the meeting were Sara Kilburn, Terry Kilburn and Art Mead. Brian Pollard called in over speaker phone.
2. AGENDA APPROVAL: A motion by Ken Meyer to approve the agenda, seconded by John Allen. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. MINUTES: A motion by John Allen to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting minutes was second by Ken Meyer. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. CORRESPONDENCE: None
5. OLD BUSINESS: Solar Energy Systems ordinance draft was discussed at length. Changes made:
  - Where a Principle Solar Energy System (PSES) abuts a residential district or a parcel with an existing dwelling, increased setbacks to 50 feet and must include vegetative type screening.
  - Ken Meyer requested inserting language to include fire department involvement during the project planning; Zoning Officer will contact Fire Department Fire Chief to inquire about their protocol if they were to answer a fire call to the Edinboro University solar array or an electric substation fire.
  - Issue tabled till June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
6. NEW BUSINESS: None
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Terry Kilburn, Art Mead and Brian Pollard spoke strongly against allowing solar energy systems behind their homes along Perry Lane. Sara Kilburn did not speak but concurred with visitors who did voice opinion. There was lengthy discussion with all in attendance regarding the visitors' questions and concerns.
8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Diann Smith to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. was seconded by John Allen. **Motion carried unanimously.**