

**Penn Township  
Planning Commission Workshop Notes  
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove  
November 13, 2017**

**Members present included:** Dan Kuruna, Ken Herman Jr., Tim Moyer, Derek Straub and Jim Wentzel.

**Members Excused:** Kevin Dressler Jr.

**Also Present:** Solicitor James Bathgate and PC Secretary Brenda Moyer

**Members of the Public:** Jon Payne and William Moyer

The 11.13.2017 Planning Commission Worksession was called to order at 6:34 by Chairman Kuruna.

Public Comment – n/a

Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the recent request by Art Bowen; SIDCO Board Chair to clarify allowed and permitted uses in Section 409, Industrial Zone, of the Penn Twp Zoning Ordinance. **On motion by Dan Kuruna, second Ken Herman Jr. and commission acclamation the PC would recommend the Board of Supervisors review any land development proposal submitted, against the "permitted" and "conditional" uses for this zone. If submission does not meet the current standards than advise applying for a zoning variance.**

Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the recent request by John Clark, Clark Engineering and Surveying to clarify the intent of the zoning ordinance with regard to placement of billboards. Clark had questioned whether the intent of the ordinance in reference to distances cited in Section 506.1 (B) and Section 825 (11) (12) (15) was a radial or longitudinal distance. It was the consensus of the PC, the intent was radial measurement. PC is currently in the process of reviewing and proposing revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance 2005-01 and will carefully review Section 506 and Section 825 of the zoning ordinance, realizing some changes may be necessary, taking into consideration the federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965, the state Outdoor Advertising Control Act and our local municipal interest in protecting the environmental, health, safety and the quality of life within our borders.

Clark will be advised to submit an application to zoning to clarify exactly what his client desires. With an application an official determine could be made per the confines of the current ordinance.

Act 42 of 2017 authorizes placement of ten "mini casinos" within Pennsylvania. Act 42 also grants municipalities the authority to prohibit, by resolution, mini casinos within their boundaries. After discussion, **On motion by Tim Moyer, second Jim Wentzel and acclamation, the planning commission does recommend the Board of Supervisors pass the resolution to prohibit mini casinos in Penn Township.** At anytime Penn Township may rescind the resolution to allow mini casinos.

Planning Commission was provided an invitation to the Local Municipality Involvement Process (LMIP) meeting for the Keystone Transfer Facility proposed in Center Township. Meeting scheduled December 4, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Penns Creek Fire Hall.

Planning Commission was provided an invite to the public officials and general public meeting scheduled for the CSVT project. Meetings – Wednesday, November 15, 2017 2:00pm and 6:30pm.

Adjournment – On motion by Derek Straub, second Ken Herman Jr., and acclamation the 11.13.2017 Planning Commission worksession was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer  
Planning Commission Secretary