

PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
228 CLIFFORD ROAD, SELINGSGROVE
July 14, 2025

Members present included: Brian Wentzel, Jon Payne, Chris Fetter, Laura Fellencer, and Alt. Paul Long

Members Excused: Dan Kuruna, Marvin Weaver and Isaac Ramer Jr.

Also Present: Manager Julie Hartley and Solicitor Jim Bathgate

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Wentzel at 6:30 pm.

Minutes:

On motion by Jon Payne and seconded by Chris Fetter and carried on a 4-0 vote, the minutes of the June 23, 2025 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be Heard: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

Stormwater Ordinance Revisions – Jim noted that the Section 301 Exemptions is the last section of the Stormwater Ordinance that needs reviewed. Jim reviewed some of the changes that were made to this section and then asked if anyone wanted to see any additional changes to the section. 301 B was discussed as it does not specifically discuss if an agricultural zone project with less than one acre of disturbance is exempt from drainage plans. Jim will look into language to add to 301 B which would allow for the exemption for less than one acre of disturbance. It was discussed that the Stormwater Exemption Criteria table needs larger parcel sizes with incremental increases because of larger agricultural parcels in the township. Jim will send an email to the Township Engineer Chad Shaffer to see if some additional categories allowing larger parcels can be added to the chart up to one hundred acres.

Open Discussion: Discussion was held regarding recommending variances for ground mounted solar energy projects on type one or two soils within the Highway Commercial zone.

FYI:

- Selingsgrove Ford Land Dev., filed 3.21.25, due 8.6.25
- Burlew/Klingler Add-On Sub., filed 5.12.25, due 8.8.25
- Henry Chiarkas Cond. Use, filed 5.16.25, due 7.15.25, hearing 7.2.25 at 5:30 pm

Adjournment – On motion by Laura Fellencer, and seconded by Chris Fetter, and carried on a 3-0 vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartley, Township Manager