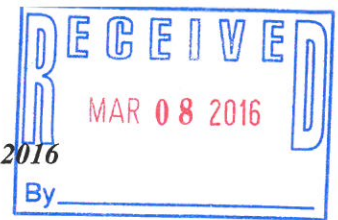


**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING**

*DATE: February 1, 2016*



Present: J. Blumling, D. Carlson, M. Kowalski, D. Lang, R. Loedding (via phone), M. Lincheck (Planning Commission Consultant), A. Mutschler, B. Meegan, C. Pcsolyar.

Absent: R. Kowal.

Others Present: Adam Benford (Landman, Penn Energy Resources, LLC, 1000 Commerce Drive, Park Place One, Suite 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15275).

After review, the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Bob Meegan. Seconded by Don Lang.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Economy Borough Planning Commission 2015 Annual Report: Planning Commission consultant Lincheck had previously forwarded the proposed Annual report to the group. There was discussion.

**Action taken:**

Motion by Don Lang to approve report as submitted and forward to Borough Council. Seconded by Myron Kowalski. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Signs Ordinance (180-88): As discussed at the January meeting, Planning Commission consultant Lincheck forwarded to the group a revised ordinance recommendation which addresses the height restriction issue.

**Action taken:**

Motion by Bob Meegan to recommend that revised ordinance language be forwarded as submitted to Borough Council for approval. Seconded by Don Lang. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Establishing Standards for Solar Panels: Chairman Blumling reported that he received an article from Borough Manager Kunkle that was titled "Moon Township Creates Ordinance to Govern Solar Panels". Chairman Blumling believes that this is an issue to be addressed in planning for the future. Planning Commission consultant Lincheck will request a copy of the Moon Township ordinance for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

2. Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS): Planning Commission consultant Lincheck provided a copy to the group of an "Overview of Small UAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" as outlined by the FAA. He also forwarded an overview of State and Local Regulation of UAS Fact Sheet for the FAA Office of Chief Counsel. Discussion followed concerning what role, if any, there will be for the Planning Commission regarding such matters. Group agreed to continue to monitor what is happening with UAS. Action may be taken at a future time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) Ordinance: It was discussed that even though the Planning Commission approved and forwarded ordinance revisions (180-07 Definitions and 180-66 Standards for Specific Uses) to Borough Council, the ordinance revisions have yet to be acted upon. Chairman Blumling will follow-up with Borough Manager Kunkle regarding the status and likelihood of this issue being brought up again at the Council level.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Bob Meegan to forward the recommended ordinance to Borough Council and recommended their consideration and approval. Seconded by Chad Pcsolyar. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Safety Meeting in New Sewickley Township for First Responders: Adam Benford from Penn Energy Resources will be sponsoring a safety meeting for oil and gas drilling for local first responders on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6-10 p.m. at the Big Knob Grange. They are expecting police, fire, EMS personnel and first responders from local municipalities to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Bus Service to Wal-mart Store From Northern Lights Shopping Plaza: Audrey Mutschler reported that she is still working on getting bus service extended from Northern Lights up the hill to the Wal-mart store. It has been confirmed that Wal-mart is willing to fund the initial start-up expenses. Audrey will follow-up with store manager and municipal officials to get the process underway.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Pcsolyar, seconded by Don Lang. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary