

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

DATE: July 2, 2018

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

Absent: D. Carlson.

Others: Michael Pamosina, Steve White.

Motion by Don Lang to approve 6/4/18 meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Roger Kowal. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion Regarding Solar Panels: Michael Pamosina asked why a homeowner couldn't cover 100% of their roof with solar panels. Planning Commission Consultant Lincheck explained why ordinance was set-up requiring 50% coverage. Member Don Lang spoke of safety considerations in case of a fire and a hole had to be cut in the roof to vent the fire. Mr. Pamosina asked if he could request a variance but said he would not do so after cost and other issues were discussed.
2. Discussion Regarding Penn Energy Well Site on Amsler Ridge: Steve White reported that he is concerned about safety issues with this site. It was explained that the Planning Commission does not have any control because it is a R-A zoned area – no conditional use required. Chairman Blumling said that Penn Energy has been working well in the community. Mr. White said that Penn Energy and local officials need to tell residents what is being done to ensure safety in emergency situations. Mr. White said that he is also concerned about possible injection wells. He says he plans to attend Borough Council meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chickens and Livestock: Chairman Blumling reported that there have been resident complaints regarding presence of uncaged chickens along Shaffer Road. There was discussion That perhaps the Planning Commission should consider classifying chickens, geese, etc. as livestock and limit them to R-A zone per current ordinance. Chairman Blumling to request that Borough Manager Kunkle and Consultant Lincheck prepare review of pros/cons regarding this issue.
2. House Numbers: Myron Kowalski reported no activity.
3. Updated Zoning Ordinance Books: Members requested that updated Zoning Ordinance books be issued as it has been several years since they were circulated and we have added new members. Chairman Blumling to request that Borough Manager Kunkle provide new books for all Planning Commission members and Planning Commission Consultant Lincheck.

Motion to adjourn by Don Lang. Seconded by Audrey Mutschler. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Signed *James W. Blumling*
Chairman

Signed *afilalk*
Secretary

