

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Lynn Luft, Jim Ware, Jeff Streitl, Corinne Murphy and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of September 13, 2016 were approved as submitted.

SPRINGDALE FARM 2 LOT SUBD. – Mr. Houtman, township engineer, was present to review the plan notes to be added to the final plan as well as the waiver requests. Applicant Engineer Dan McKenna, Carl Meister and applicant John Smith were also in attendance. The following was noted:

1. Lynn Luft questioned why lot 2 is designated residential when there is a horse business located on it. Mr. Houtman stated this is an agricultural business and it is allowed. The entire farm is zoned residential but it is operating as Ag use.
2. Mrs. Luft expressed concern about the preservation of the hedgerow along the eastern side of the driveway. This is actually on the Bathon's lot next door and therefore not a part of this plan.
3. The note addressing the proposed documentation of the historical nature and structures on this farm is a one time visit and the township hopes to get this done within the next two months. The township will contact Mr. Smith for access to his property when this is done.
4. Specimen trees around the uneased portion of lot 1 will be noted on the plan.
5. Mr. Houtman will coordinate the naming of the structures on the plan to coincide with the township's historic survey.

With no further discussion the members moved to recommend approval of the plan subject to the notes being added. A vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Water Resource Protection – Jim Ware continued discussion regarding the protection of groundwater extraction in our township. He stated the state has given Delaware Valley River Basin Commission jurisdiction for regulating entities who wish to extract 100,000 gal/day or more. He further said a permit issued by DRBC can be required for extraction of more than 10,000 gal/day for municipalities located in the groundwater protection area. Pennsbury is not included in this group and members discussed how we might go about getting our township included. Alma Forsyth reported on past phone calls with Kate Schmidt of the DRBC as well as Quina Nelling, Birmingham Township Secretary as to procedure followed to be included in the groundwater protection area.

Jeff Streitl volunteered to conduct further research on neighboring township water regulations. He will also contact John Snook and Vince Pompo, East Bradford supervisors as well as a New Garden Township citizens group involved in opposing Artesian Water Co. withdrawal application. Alma Forsyth volunteered to investigate membership procedures with Ms. Schmidt of DRBC.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Howley, Recording Secretary