

PENNSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016

Chairman Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Present: Dennis Smith, Jeff Streitel, Corinne Murphy, Lynn Luft (by phone) and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of September 27, 2016 were reviewed and approval was tabled and will be considered at the October 25th meeting.

Natural Resource Protection – water exportation – Discussion continued on this subject. Jeff Streitel gave an update on his discussions with John Snook and Dave Yake (Save Our Water Group) regarding any existing regulations on water exportation. The following was noted:

- There are no specific regulations in East Bradford Township for water exportation. However, there are related regulations such as geo thermal and well head protection.
- John Snook has worked with South Coventry Township and their issues with Pierrier exportation of water. Jeff Streitel will follow up with South Coventry Township to get more information on this subject matter. He also talked to Dave Yake who along with Marion Waggoner (Save our Water) has volunteered their time and expertise to put together a program which shows potentially how much water could be exported in New Garden Township by Artisian Water Co. Mr. Yake recommended Pennsbury Township to do research on how much water is used in our township, identify water quality and quantity issues and start to create a basis for water regulations. Dennis Smith will review Tom Oeste's May 19, 2015 letter and pursue further research on existing water exportation regulations, restricting this to certain zoning district and the process to request being a part of a groundwater protection area.
- Lynn Luft asked if the township has a way of identifying water usage and future usage. Ms. Howley said there are statistics for public water usage and there are formulae for determining future groundwater usage based on proposed development.
- Alma Forsyth stated she had talked to DVBC and was told the township needs to write a letter to that organization requesting inclusion in the groundwater protection area. The township would have to provide evidence of harm to our waters by overdevelopment or any other issue.
- It was noted that there is a licensing fee in New Garden for extraction of water as well as a permitting process.

Solar Panel Ordinance – a CU application for the installation of solar panels has been received by the township. Tentatively the hearing is scheduled for November 16th at 7 p.m. The applicant must appear at a PC meeting for their review and recommendation to the supervisors. Ms. Howley will check with the applicant's vendor to see if they can attend the Oct. 25th PC meeting. Otherwise, the next meeting would be November 15th, a day before the hearing date. A copy of the application and attachments was given to all members.

The November/December PC meeting schedule will be the following: Tuesday, November 15th, and November 29th and the last meeting of the year will be December 13th. These changes will be advertised. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Howley, Recording Secretary