

## PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 7:00PM

Attendance was Mark Saville, Ralph Funk, Bill Ake, Mary Ann Clark, James Watson Zoning Officer Rich Brungard and Secretary Carol Colucci.

Meetings are open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Saville at 7:00PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved on a 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Ake and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Watson. There was no April meeting held due to there was no new business.

Clark addressed questions referring to the Zoning ordinance book Chapter #11 under Administration page 120. There was a short discussion on "referring to this chapter". Chairman Saville referred her to page #4 General provisions explaining Porter Township Zoning.

Old business was Zoning Officer Brungard presented the proposed Solar Farms ordinance. He reported the Supervisors have reviewed and would like to continue moving forward with the ordinance. They would like to see solar panels only allowable in the conservation district. This would be for large track areas.

Clark stated there is an installation guide on Penn Vest site for 2021. There were many variables discussed such as, could a lesser number of solar panels be exempt from an ordinance? Could a certain total of square feet be exempt? Could residential scale be whatever you want? There was a discussion on the glare of panels and could it be conditional use, and or how can you enforce any level of glare?

Clark stated for the record that she is objecting solar to be put in the conservation district. There was a discussion on personal opinions about solar. It was stated again that an escrow account would be better than a bond due to things could change 10 years from the time it would be installed. Brungard suggested to everyone to e-mail the Supervisors what they want to propose for the ordinance. Saville reported he will not be attending the next meeting.

New business was the review of the Funk subdivision plans. The intent is to subdivide 18.9 acres that Clayton Andrus is purchasing from Funk. Review for the next meeting to discuss.

Zoning Officer Brungard reported permits for April was a total of \$696.00. There were 3 new barns, 1 pavilion, 1 storage building, 1 driveway and 1 road occupancy permit. May \$50.00 1 pavilion and 1 peddlers' permit.

There were no public comments. On a 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Ake and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Saville motion passed to adjourn at 8:25 PM. The next meeting is June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Board Chairman, Mark Saville \_\_\_\_\_

Planning board Secretary, Carol Colucci \_\_\_\_\_