



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2013 MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 11th, 2013, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Rick Mertz Board Members, George White, and James Shafer.

Secretary Jeremy Barbosa

Excused: Board Members, David DelGrosso, and David Beers Solicitor Jenny Cheng.

	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	None	The Planning Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Approval of the Minutes: Approval of January 14th, 2013 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None	Motion made by Rick Mertz to approve the minutes from January 14th, 2013, and seconded by George White. A.I.F.
Public Participation	None	None
Old Business: Gerald and Sharon Smith, presented by Robert Beers.	The plans were accepted for review on May 14th 2012. The Commission received a letter from Mr. Beers granting the Township an additional 90 days extension to end on May 2 nd , 2013. No other action was taken due to lack of representation. Concerns were brought up due to the plans being on the table for over 10 months without any actions.	None
New Business:	None	None
Officials:	Zoning Officer Carl Faust informed the board that he will forward his zoning report so everyone via email so everyone will be informed on the activities of the office.	None
Discussion:	Board Member George White read an article from the newspaper about a neighboring township that just rejected a new junk ordinance. Mr. White also informed the commission on his concerns with the ordinance and will it be enforced uniformly. Supervisors then stated that there will be a separate workshop just to deal with this ordinance.	None

	<p>Commission Chair informed the commission about the Bethlehem Water Authority's plans to add commercial wind turbines to their property to sell the electric that is generated there. Mrs. Bieling wanted to inform supervisors of this and gave them the newspaper article.</p> <p>Mrs. Bieling also made copies available for everyone about the use of Google Maps to aid in planning and zoning decisions. The article was the Township Planner Magazine.</p>	
Adjournment	None	Motion made by Rick Mertz to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting and proceed with the SALDO, Zoning Workshop The motion was seconded by James Shafer, A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm