



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2013 MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13th, 2013, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

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

Secretary Jeremy Barbosa, **Zoning Officer,** Carl Faust, **Township Engineer** Greg Haas

Excused: Solicitor Jenny Cheng

Visitors: Susan Muscavage 3020 Forest Street, Lehighton, Pa, Walter Bollinger, Sr. and Walter Bollinger, Jr., 1080 Walnut Drive, Lehighton, Pa., Scott Meixell 1724 Falcon Drive, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

	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 April 11th, 2013 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None	Motion made by James Shafer to approve the minutes from April 11th, 2013, and seconded by David DelGrosso. A.I.F.
Public Participation	Scott Meixell presented sketch plans for a sub division of his father's property. The property consists of 6 acres but due to the layout of the land and wetlands present to sub divide they can only get a lot of 2.2 acres. This is in Rural Conservation and requires lots to be a minimum of 3 acres. The Planning Members discussed any ways they could to maybe get more out of the property to get the lot closer to 3 acres but there are really no way to do so. The Commission said that they will need to go to Zoning Hearing Board. Prior to going there they should contact the Road Master to see if there would be an acceptable location for a driveway.	None
	Susan Muscavage presented a sketch plan for an existing flag lot she owns next to her property and plans to sell. She was there to see if she could change the entrance to the flag lot from 75 feet to 40 feet to give her more of a buffer to her property. The Planning Commission felt that was reasonable and suggested that she give the recommendation to her	None

	Engineer and draw up the plans for submission.	
Old Business:	None at this time	None
New Business: Conditional use application presented by Walter Bollinger, Jr.	Mr. Bollinger presented his application for a conditional use for a home based auto repair business. Mr. Bollinger presented his plans for the business and members asked questions related to noise, hours, and storage of cars. All members were in favor of permitting this use.	Motion was made by David DelGrosso to recommend approval for the conditional usage. However they recommend the Supervisors consider conditions about the noise, hours of operations, storage of oil, parts, and junk cars on property The motion was seconded by Rick Mertz, A.I.F.
Officials:	None at this time.	None
Discussion:	None at this time	None
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 7:50pm