



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2011 MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 12th, 2011, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Guy Seifert Board Members, Roy Christman, George White, David Beers, and Rick Mertz.

Solicitor, Michael Greek, **Secretary** Jeremy Barbosa

Excused: Board Member Christine Meinhart

TOPIC	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 November 14 th , 2011 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	There was a typo noticed with the wording of the motion for Alton Green plans. Changes will be made and re-distributed.	Motion made by Roy Christman to approve the minutes, from November 14, 2011, with the corrections, and seconded by David Beers. A.I.F.
Public Participation	None	None
Old Business: Blue Mountain Church expansion, Presented by Keystone Engineering, and Ron Borger.	The Plans were accepted for review October 10th, 2011. Board Chair Connie Bieling recused herself from any vote on the plans since she is an adjoining property owner. Vice Chair Guy Seifert became acting Chair. There was no representation from the Church or Engineers. The board went over every comment made by the Township Engineers again. The group discussed concerns with engineer's comments as well as the lack of representation of the church engineering group at meeting. The Representative from Blue Mountain Church did grant a 90 day extension due to issues with them getting plans completed on time. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the board should make recommendation to the supervisors to deny the plans as submitted instead of dealing with time extensions due to the number of issues/plan changes that must be addressed. The Commission suggested they address the engineering comments and the zoning issues then resubmit the	Motion was made by Guy Seifert to recommend to the Township Supervisors to deny the plans as submitted instead of dealing with time extensions due to the number of issues/plan changes that must be addressed. The denial recommendation is based on the 35 comments by the Township engineer on issues which do not comply with the Township SALDO and the 8 comments which refer to issues with the Township Zoning Ordinance (ref Carbon Engineers Report CEI # 011-0031-009 The motion was seconded by Rick Mertz, and Connie Bieling abstained A.I.F.

	plans to the Planning Commission.	
New Business: None	None	None
Officials:	<p>Guy Siefert made some recommendations on ways we can continue to improve communication between the Planning Commission and Supervisors. Also Mr. Siefert discussed developing a protocol on ways to purge and keep planning files up to date and easily accessible.</p> <p>Roy Christman gave the Commission an update of the regional planning process. The Commission talked about having a Workshop in January to work on zoning changes in the Township prior to the Regional Committee Meeting. Several dates were forwarded to the Supervisors for possible dates. again was asked to give suggestions to the committee to help guide the process.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>A request was sent to Township Supervisors to have a workshop in January on either the 16th, 17th, or 18th, to discuss re-zoning of property.</p>
Adjournment	None	Motion made by Guy Siefert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick Mertz. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm