



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2012 MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 12th, 2012, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Rick Mertz, Board Members, Roy Christman, George White, David Beers, James Shafer, Roy Christman and Christine Meinhart.

Secretary Jeremy Barbosa

Excused: Solicitor Jenny Cheng

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 February 13 th , 2012 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None.	Motion made by Roy Christman to approve the minutes, from February 13th, 2012, and seconded by Christine Meinhart. A.I.F.
Public Participation	None	None
Old Business:	None	None
New Business: Patricia Reese, subdivision	The plans were presented for the Patricia Reese minor subdivision. The plans were accepted for review, and the board did a review of plans. No other actions were needed.	Motion was made by Roy Christman to accept the plans as presented for review. The motion was seconded by Rick Mertz. A.I.F.
Zoning Officer Report:	Zoning Officer Christine Meinhart informed the board of a conditional use application for an in-home office for property located at 7395 Interchange Road, Lehighton. This location previously had that type of use. The board members did not have any objections.	No Action needed.
	The Commission went over the revised Wind Turbine Ordinance. The board members were ok with the changes, and there were no issues to note.	A motion was made by Christine Meinhart to recommend approval of the revised ordinance for wind turbines. The motion was seconded by Roy Christman, A.I.F.
	The Commission discussed a proposed Landlord ordinance and the need of one in the Township for the greater safety of the Township.	The Commission would like the Supervisors to look into adopting a stand alone landlord ordinance.

Officials:	The Commission discussed this year's Local Government Day for local 6 th graders. Connie informed the board of the proposed agenda for the presentation. Connie said the Township Supervisors approved the presentation. Connie will contact the school to arrange a day for the presentation,	None
	Board Chair Connie Bieling read a letter of interest from Russ Frank to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission if one should become available.	None
Adjournment	None	Motion made by Roy Christman to adjourn the meeting and go in the Zoning Workshop. The motion was seconded Rick Mertz. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm