

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

DATE & TIME: February 3, 2020 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Linda Brown, Chairman
Stephen Engle, Vice Chair
Fred Hammond, Secretary
Mark Compton, Member
Leroy Stoltzfus, Member
Cullen Ketcham, Member

Staff: Jennifer Brady, Penn Township
Brent Lied, Penn Township
Others: Henry Stoltzfus, applicant
William Cromleigh, Diehm and Sons
Richard Landis, Supervisor

Linda Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01pm.

Public Comment/Guest Recognition

Henry Stoltzfus and William Cromleigh were present to discuss the Boyer Run Stormwater Management Plan.

Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2019

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by Hammond to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Penn Township File No. 20-001: Boyer Run School Stormwater Management Plan—The applicant proposes construction of a 1,408 square foot one-room schoolhouse, a driveway, a recreation area, and a parking area on the 1801 Mountain Road property as a 1 acre leased Amish schoolhouse. Cromleigh and H. Stoltzfus discussed the plan.

It is being built on an existing 49.5-acre farm in the Agriculture Preserve. It will be a typical Amish schoolhouse and will service the local community children. Traffic is expected to be no more than two vans per day at most. The location of the leased parcel was chosen as to not interfere with the current farming operations and to provide privacy to the school. There will not be electric or water. There will be an unattached privy located near the school with a small lean-to. At the southern end is a play area with a 320-foot access drive with porous gravel. The stormwater will be piped to a rain garden detention basin. The expected occupation for the school is the autumn, with construction beginning as soon as possible. Photo renderings were provided to the Commission. The max capacity of the school will be 30 children and 2 adults as teacher and teacher's aide.

Leroy Stoltzfus recused himself from voting as he has a conflict of interest.

After the discussion the plan and waivers were recommended for approval on a motion by Compton seconded by Hammond, passed unanimously.

New Business/Discussion Items

Brady gave an update on the zoning ordinance rewrite process and explained that of the three firms, URDC was asked to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 10th for a presentation. The comparison chart that was prepared for the January 7, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting was also shared with the Planning Commission. To date, a decision has not been made.

Brown and Hammond both expressed interest in serving the Board of Supervisors on a steering committee and in a more involved manner.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by Hammond to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Brady