

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

DATE & TIME: October 2, 2023 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Members:	Frederick Hammond Linda Brown Skylar Gingrich Cullen Ketcham Steve Engle, via Zoom	Staff:	Jennifer Tulonen, Penn Township Planner
		Others:	Richard Landis, Board of Supervisors

Call to Order

Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2023. On a motion from Brown and a second from Engle, the August 7, 2023 were approved on a unanimous vote.

Decision Items

- Petition for Penn Lake Estates LLC to rezone a portion of properties located at 2253 Airy Hill Road from Village (V) to Agricultural (AG).

Jennifer presented the proposal to the Penn Township Planning Commission since the Township is pursuing the rezoning of the identified property at 2253 Airy Hill Road. The farm in question is being considered for preservation through the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board (APB), due to the current partially zoned area being zoned as Village (V), the process has been put on hold. Several factors, including possible mapping errors are presumed to be the cause of the small portion being zoned V while the remaining parcel is entirely Agriculture (AG).

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ketcham to recommend approval of the rezoning of the identified portion of property from Village (V) to Agricultural (AG), so the farm may continue to be preserved with the APB. Gingrich seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to recommend rezoning.

- Amendment to the Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan to remove a portion of property located at 2253 Airy Hill Road from the Penn Township Urban Growth Area/Boundary (UGA/B)

Jennifer presented the proposal to the Penn Township Planning Commission since the Township is pursuing an amendment to the Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan of the identified property at 2253 Airy Hill Road. Similar to the rezoning request, one of the requirements for pursuing farm preservation is that no area of land be within an Urban Growth Boundary/Area.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ketcham to recommend approval of the amendment to the Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan so the farm may continue to be preserved with the APB. Gingrich seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to recommend approval.

The Planning Commission discussed upcoming plans and meetings related to Zoning Hearing Board and upcoming applications.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm through a **motion** by Brown seconded by Gingrich, approved 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Tulonen