

**PENN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

DATE & TIME: October 06, 2025 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Members:	Fred Hammond Skylar Gingrich Adam Kowalczyk	Staff:	Jennifer Tulonen, Penn Township Planner
		Others:	Vince Pompo, agent for applicant

Call to Order

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

Public Comment/Guest Recognition – Chair Hammond welcomed guests present. No other guests were present except for applicants for items on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – On a motion from Gingrich and a second from Kowalczyk, September 02, 2025 minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

DECISION ITEMS

1691 Junction Road, Petition for Agricultural Security Area Addition (ASA)

Jennifer T. introduced the items received to the Planning Commission, as well as Vince Pompo, attorney for the applicant.

Pompo led the remainder of the applicant's proposal and presentation, and further detailed the uniqueness of petition for the property in that some acres (<1acre) are depicted on Lancaster County GIS maps as located within East Hempfield Township. Per all other records, Tax IDs and payments, deeds, etc. the farm is located entirely in Penn Township, however, with the vast majority of the farm – 123 acres – being located within Penn Township, procedures exist that if the farm is preserved with the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board, the E. Hempfield portions will automatically be preserved with the majority—Penn Township portion.

As indicated by Atty. Pompo, property owners are interested in pursuing preservation of the farm, but have not made a decision on which entity (Lancaster Farmland Trust or LCAPB) to pursue the process with; discussions with both entities and the property owners are ongoing.

Planning Commission members inquired on status of the current Penn Township ASA, Jennifer T. gave a response on the Planning Commission's role in ASA petitions, including providing a recommendation, favorable or non-favorable, to the ASAAC and Board of Supervisors.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Gingrich to favorably recommend to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors the farm be added to the current Penn Township Agricultural Security Area; thus furthering the petition to the Penn Township ASAAC for their final recommendation at their scheduled 11/10 meeting, seconded by Kowalczyk. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicants for the project left for the remainder of the meeting.

285 Limerock Sewage Planning Module

Jennifer T. introduced the item on behalf of the applicant. The request is for a holding tank on the property located at 285 Limerock Road associated with a preliminary/final Land Development Plan for the same subject property. Per the Township's ordinances, holding tanks are permitted under very specific circumstances and the applicant has exhausted all other options or intends to connect to public facilities within a year.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Gingrich to recommend approval of the Sewage Planning Module execution by staff, seconded by Kowalczyk. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the Draft Manheim Central Comprehensive Plan

Jennifer T. previously shared the final version of the Manheim Central Comprehensive Plan and expected timeline for adoption. The planning commission may be taking action at its November meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm through a **motion** by Gingrich seconded by Kowalczyk, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Tulonen