



## TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### 2010 MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** February 8th, 2010, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

**Members Present:** Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Guy Seifert, Board Members, Russ Frank, George White, Roy Christman, Christine Meinhart. and Gary Bruch.

**Secretary,** Jeremy Barbosa, **and Solicitor** Jenny Cheng.

**Excused:** None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag</b>	None	The Planning Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
<b>Approval of the Minutes:</b> Approval of January 11, 2010 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None	Motion made by Guy Seifert to approve the minutes from January 11, 2010, and seconded by George White. A.I.F.
<b>Public Participation</b>	None	None
<b>Zoning Officer Report</b>	Zoning Officer Christine Meinhart gave an update on current issues that pertain to the planning commission. Christine stated there are a lot of requests for information on reverse subdivisions, and variances for setbacks. Christine also stated that Robert Beers has offered to assist in organizing the zoning office.	None
<b>Old Business:</b> Lee & Mary Michaels and Eric Michaels plan presented by David Lear, Lehigh Engineering	The plans were approved by Township Supervisors at the last meeting. Question was raised by Board Chair Connie Bieling of the location of the planning module since there is no record that she signed it. Supervisor Penny Klientop was in the audience and stated she will look into it.	None

<b>New Business:</b>	None at this time	
<b>Discussion:</b>	Roy Christman spoke with the board regarding the formation of a regional planning board. Roy said he will meet with Lower Towamensing and present them with the draft.	None
	Roy Christman also informed the group about the public meeting with Judy Borger, Carbon Co. Director of Planning and Ron Tirpak, Carbon Co. Engineer on the Koch Road Bridge replacement project. The meeting will be held Tuesday morning, Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the township building. Members discussed about encouraging the county and PennDOT to do more esthetically pleasing bridges to match the environment in which they are placed.	None
	Christine Meinhart informed the board of upcoming workshops in the area discussing open spaces with Michael Frank on 2/25/10, and a workshop/ book signing on March 16 with Randall Arendt.	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned for a presentation from Pocono GIS.	Motion made by Guy Seifert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roy Christman. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.