



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2010 MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

Excused: Board Member Russ Frank

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 8, 2010 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None	Motion made by Guy Seifert to approve the minutes from February 8, 2010, and seconded by Roy Christman. A.I.F.
Public Participation	Township Supervisor Penny Kleintop gave the board an update on the Ag Security board. Ms. Kleintop stated she is researching how to get the board back on track and have regular meetings. Ms. Kleintop asked Mr. Seifert and Mr. Christman to be board members, and assist in getting all pertinent information needed so they can possibly have a meeting in the summer.	None
Zoning Officer Report	Zoning Officer Christine Meinhart gave the board a sample junk yard ordinance for the board to look over and possibly discuss next meeting, Ms. Meinhart then discussed that the Township needs to change the zoning to better reflect the concerns and issues that are occurring in the Township. Ms. Meinhart also would like the Township to have clear clarification between home business, home occupation, and no impact home business.	None

	Again Ms. Meinhart would like everyone to look over come back next meeting with ideas and possibly start working on the new ordinance.	
Old Business: Lake View Estates	The Township Engineer gave the board an update report for the Lake View Estates. The Engineer stated the work that is completed is done to the plans and the project looks good, with no concerns.	None
New Business:	None at this time	None.
Officials: Connie Bieling	Board Chair Connie Bieling asked board member Gary Bruch about Local Government day. Usually this occurs around the 15 th of April. Gary said he will look into it and get back to Connie with a date that will work for everyone.	None
	Board Chair Connie Bieling asked Supervisor Penny Kleintop if the township is able to purchase a book for the Planning Commission to help stay current with today's issues and trends. The book by author Randall Arendt titled "Envisioning better community, seeing, more options, and making wiser choices." The cost of the book is \$59.95 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling. The author will be holding a presentation presented by Monroe County on March 16 th anyone is welcome to attend just need to register.	The Planning Commission is making a formal request to the Township Supervisors to purchase the book for communal use by the board members.

	Board chair Connie Bieling reminded the board that there is a program in Wilkes Barre to discuss zoning in the 20 th century. Member Guy Seifert and Connie Bieling will be attending.	None
Roy Christman	Board member Roy Christman stated that he will be attending a meeting on Protecting Public Drinking Water at Northampton Community College.	None
Adjournment		Motion made by Guy Seifert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Bruch. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.