



# TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## 2018 MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 12, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Township Municipal Building

**Members:** Rick Mertz, Chairman; James Shafer, Vice-Chairman; Board Members - Connie Bieling-absent, George White, Dave Beers-absent, Robert Ziegenfus; Jenny Cheng, Solicitor-absent; Gregory Haas, Township Engineer; Carl Faust, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer - absent; Brenda Drew, Secretary.

**Guests:** Edwin Brader, David Lear

	DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
<b>Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag</b>	None.	The Planning Commission meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
<b>Approval of the Minutes:</b>	None.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to approve the October 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Robert Ziegenfus made said motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick Mertz. All in favor.
<b>Public Participation:</b> None.	None.	None.
<b>Old Business:</b> Meisenhelder Minor Subdivision Plan	The Plan is being held up due to sewage planning. An additional time extension letter was submitted until April 30, 2019.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to recommend acceptance of the time extension to the Board of Supervisors. James Shafer made said motion, seconded by George White. All in favor.
L & W Investors Minor Subdivision Plan	The Plan is being held up due to sewage planning. There is a current time extension until 1/29/2019.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to table the Plan. Robert Ziegenfus made said motion, seconded by James Shafer. All in favor

<b>New Business:</b> Jerusalem United Church of Christ Reverse Subdivision Plan	David Lear of Lehigh Engineering addressed the Commission. The application to build an addition onto the church was denied by the Zoning Officer because the addition would be built on 2 separate parcels. The two lots must be joined. Greg went through the 16 review comments dated October 10, 2018. Lehigh Engineering is willing to meet all of the conditions of Greg's review and is to provide a revised Plan to Greg Haas in a timely manner so that the requested Plan corrections are able to be reviewed and commented upon before the variance hearing and December Supervisors meeting.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to recommend Conditional Plan Approval to the Board of Supervisors. James Shafer made said motion, seconded by George White. All in favor.
Jerusalem United Church of Christ Special Exception	The Zoning Officer also requires that the church will need specific variances and approvals. A variance hearing is scheduled for December 3, 2018. Item 1 of the Township Zoning Officer's denial letter states that the proposed addition would not meet required setbacks. The Planning Commission Members have no issues with this item. Item 2 states that a place of worship is only permitted under a Special Exception. All Members also have no issues with the continued, expanded use of the church as a Special Exception	Rick Mertz called for a motion on the setback requirements, stating that the Commission has no issues with future rulings to accept them. Rick Mertz made said motion, seconded by James Shafer. All in favor.
Resignation of member, Robert O'Donnell	A letter of resignation was received and accepted by the Board of Supervisors during the November 1 <sup>st</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.	Rick Mertz called for a motion on the church as a Special Exception and the continued, expanded use of the church as such. Robert Ziegenfus made said motion, seconded by Rick Mertz. All in favor.
Application - Proposal to form an Agricultural Security Area: Matias Bullrich	A map and a copy of the application were available to the members for review.	None.
Application - Proposal to form an Agricultural Security Area: Roger H. & Patricia George	A map and a copy of the application were available to the members for review.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to recommend acceptance to the Board of Supervisors. George White made said motion, seconded by Robert Ziegenfus. James Shafer dissented. Motion carried.
<b>Officials:</b> <b>Zoning Officer Report</b>	None.	Rick Mertz called for a motion to recommend acceptance to the Board of Supervisors. Robert Ziegenfus made said motion, seconded by George White. James Shafer dissented. Motion carried.
<b>Discussion:</b>	None.	None.
<b>Adjournment:</b>	None.	None.
		Rick Mertz called for a motion to adjourn. Robert Ziegenfus made said motion, seconded by George White. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda L. Drew