

June 3, 2015  
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Paulus. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ATTENDANCE

Steve Paulus, Chairman	Mike Pykosh, Solicitor
Sheldon Brymesser, Vice-Chairman	Mark Bruening, Engineer
Sharon Nelson, Secretary	Karen Lowery, Secretary
Carl Kuhl	

MINUTES

**On the motion of Ms. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 regular meeting.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paulus mentioned that there is a letter from Jeff and Diane Stamy withdrawing their Agriculture Security Application.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION     None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

FIVE WAY PARTNERS – AGRICULTURE SECURITY REQUEST

Mr. Pykosh stated that the township received the application on April 27, 2015 for 18 parcels that are located in the agricultural zone. Mr. Pykosh and Mr. Bruening provided memos evaluating the criteria that needs to be met for agricultural security questions.

The Cumberland County Planning Department reviewed the request and provided information that map #6 has already been accepted in the program. And they recommended that

map #7, #8 and #11 be disapproved because they are smaller parcels and do not meet the 10 acre criteria. Mr. Pykosh stated that he doesn't read the rules that way. As long as the land is contiguous with other land that are included in the request and the contiguous parcel make up 10 acres they can be submitted.

Richard Snelbaker and Frank Trotta were there to represent Five Way Partners. Mr. Snelbaker thanked Mr. Pykosh for this explanation. Mr. Snelbaker is concerned about the three smaller tracts that were recommended to be disapproved. He agrees with Mr. Pykosh and asked that the Planning Commission consider approving these three parcels since they are in compliance being contiguous with other properties.

Mr. Snelbaker stated that they are prepared to withdraw the request for map #6, but that they will be submitting an application for an additional property shortly. Mr. Paulus confirmed that they are withdrawing map #6 and asked where the other land was located. Mr. Trotta said that is on the north side of Boiling Springs Road and it is 53.49 acres.

Mr. Snelbaker researched the soils and had reports he was willing to submit. Mr. Bruening stated that he had also evaluated the soils and all were the same.

Mr. Paulus asked if all of the land is currently being farmed. Mr. Snelbaker said yes. Mr. Pykosh asked about the operation of the farm, is it rented out and what the crops are. Mr. Trotta said that they are mostly rented. The crops are corn, soy beans, hay and wheat.

Mr. Snelbaker asked that the Planning Commission recommend approval for the request including the three smaller lots.

**On the motion of Ms. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Brymesser, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that the Five Way Partners Agriculture Security request be approved including all parcels except for map #6 that was withdrawn.**

#### JEFF AND DIANE STAMY – AGRICULTURE SECURITY REQUEST

Mr. Paulus stated that this request was withdrawn because the property is already enrolled in the program.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION     None

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Kuhl asked if there is a way to send meeting minutes out when there is a large gap in between the meetings for review. Mr. Pykosh thought this would be fine. They will be draft minutes just for the Board to review. Mr. Paulus asked that if there are any approved Supervisors minutes they be sent out as well, so they don't have to wait as long.

Mr. Paulus congratulated Mr. Kuhl on his primary win.

ADJOURN

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Lowery, Assistant Secretary