

Columbia Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2017

At Columbia Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Present: Richard Curtis (Secretary), Kathy Curtis (Board Representative), Marcia Lukens, Beverly Sheerer, Tom Fry, Linda Miller. **Absent:** Al Barren (Chairman),

Motion to accept the Agenda; made Dick Curtis, seconded Beverly Sheerer, All yes- passed

Motion to accept the minutes of June 14, 2017: Made by Marcia Lukens, seconded by Kathy Curtis. All yes – passed

Communications – An MTA Conference is coming up called Hot Topics. No member expressed interest in attending.

Zoning Administrator Report - by Pat Hudson. Last month we had permit for 3 new homes and 3 additions for a total of \$m387. See attachment

Public Hearing – Solar Farms - Pat Hudson presented documents for discussion, Section 4.13 covering Special Use Conditions and Section 4.17 covering Solar Panels. A general discussion followed with the conclusion that we do not have sufficient information to make decisions at this time. Closed Public Hearing at 7:45pm.

Unfinished Business: Solar Energy Farm Zoning Requirements. It was decided that we should set up a meeting with Consumers Power (Larry Powers) and a Solar Co. representative to gain further knowledge. A motion was made to table the discussion until after the meeting. Made by Kathy Curtis, seconded by Marcia Lukens. All yes.

New Business: - none

Public Comments: David Bradbury, Metals in solar panels may affect site cleanup.

Planning Commission Comments - None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Made by Kathy Curtis, seconded by Beverly Sheerer, all yes.

Minutes by Richard Curtis, Secretary