

Comins Township Planning Commission Minutes
October 8th 2020

Call to Order: 7:04

Roll Call: Arisa Handrich, John McConnell, Jerry Kunath and Dan Swartzendruber

Invited Rob Murphy to the table

No public in attendance

Correspondences:

Rob- couple requests for natural gas investigation. Rob may pursue it a little, but from past experience, there is not much hope of getting it.

John- Grants for broad band internet available, but have to have a company apply for the grant. The township can't do it.

New Business:

Berry Farm Special Use request – special use for Ag. Land. Currently zoned forest/rec. Hearing will be held during November 12th meeting.

Request to develop Solar Strategy – plan to have an ordinance for solar energy by spring.

Old Business:

Social Posting Update: Facebook page has been started up. Arisa has been put in charge for posting with Johns help.

Survey Distribution Plan – start survey on facebook. Post a couple questions a week and have a link to survey monkey with all the questions.

Work Session:

Solar – acreage use, watt use, rooftops are not commercial, height, decommission clause, bond for decommission, no less than 20 acres. Is the eye sore of panels worth what it does for our community? Will solar farms benefit us directly? How can/do we need to protect our property owners? Do we need to consider the benefit of retired farmers being able to use their property for solar farms?
Need guidelines and thoughts from board and need community input. Will have to hold a couple hearings

Monthly Reports:

Zoning Report: 30-35 zoning permits, 2.4 mil growth in township. Ahead of 2019.

Next meeting: November 12, 2020 at 7pm. Joint meeting with ZBA and hearing for Berry Farm.

Adjournment: Jerry M/C, John 2nd

Respectfully submitted by Arisa Handrich