

Vice-Chair VanDyke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Susan Balcom, Helen Dietrich, Dale Fedewa, Martha Fuhst, Troy Goodno & Norm VanDyke. Jon Denhof was absent.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Balcom to approve the agenda as amended. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by Goodno to adopt the minutes of 6/27/2016 as presented. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

Public Hearings-

Parkhurst Special Use-ZA Harrison presented the proposed special use. The applicant is requesting approval to remove 6.63 acres with a home and several accessory structures from a parcel of approximately 46 acres. Motion by Fedewa to open the public hearing. B. Hillary questioned the number of splits that have been done on this parcel. Also voiced concern over the effect more houses will have on the water table. Motion by Fedewa to close the hearing. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

The Agricultural Impact statement, along with the general and specific standards were reviewed and found to have been met. Motion by Goodno to approve the special use as presented. The parcel was divided so as to maximize the useable farmland. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Annual Mining Inspections-a report was given for the inspection done at Ravenna Gravel. Good progress is being made on clean up and restoration. Motion by Fedewa to approve the full 3 year permit (2016, 2017, & 2018) with annual inspections. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

New Business-

None

Planning Commission Discussion

There was discussion of the ordinance regulating the keeping of animals in high density residential areas. There was no support for amending the ordinance.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Janice Redding
Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)