

CHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 23, 2015

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by Fuhst to adopt the minutes of 1/26/2015 as presented. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

New Business-

None

Old Business-

Ordinance Amendment-an amendment was previously drafted to Section 327-Walls & Fences. The Township Board asked for clarification of the language that was included which referred to obstruction of lake views. Following a discussion of the intent and purpose of the regulation, a motion was made by Fedewa to return the draft to the Township Board as originally presented. Motion was seconded by Goodno. During discussion, a second motion was made by Fuhst to remove the reference to obstruction of lake views, so the draft would read as follows: "In the Lake Residential District, fences shall be placed no closer to the lake than the normal high water mark." This motion was seconded by VanDyke. While the intent and purpose of the ordinance was to help preserve panoramic views for those on lakefront properties, it was decided that the limits on fence height and location will accomplish that purpose without including the reference to obstructing a view. Following further discussion, the amended motion was adopted.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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