

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

**Agenda Approval**

Motion by VanDyke to approve. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

**Public Comment- none**

**Approval of Minutes-**

Motion by VanDyke to approve the minutes of 11/23/15 as presented. Second-Dietrich, motion carries.

**New Business**

Election of Officers-Motion by Balcom to appoint Jon Denhof for Chair and Norm VanDyke for vice chair for Chester Township planning commission for one year. Second by Martha Fuhst. Motion carried.

Houseman Application Review-Review of the application for a special use for a split requested by George Houseman. Sandra Houseman was present to answer any questions. Board reviewed maps and looked over previous splits on the property. Houseman to decide if they will request a special use hearing.

**Unfinished Business**

Amendment to the Pond and Animal Ordinances were reviewed again by Greg Ransford. The word "hen" will be changed to Chicken Hens. Motion to send the animal ordinance to public hearing made by Balcom support by VanDyke motion carried. Motion to send the pond ordinance to public hearing by VanDyke support by Balcom, motion carried.

Applications for the 2 mining operations must to be in the Township office by the last day of February and the planning commission will review them at their March meeting. These are both up for renewal.

**Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Dianne Berenbrock

Chester Township Treasurer

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