

A special meeting of the Connoquenessing Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. EDT April 26, 2023 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Commissioners present included Brendan Linton, Lee Ann Kradel, Kyrie Lokhaiser, and Robert Burr. Commissioner Diane Hanchosky and engineer Bill Braun were excused.

There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Linton reported the bylaws amendments and public participation resolution were still being revised for review by the township solicitor and anticipated these would be ready for action at the regular May meeting. No further action was taken.

Commissioner Linton reported a brief executive session following the April 18, 2023 planning commission meeting to discuss a legal matter.

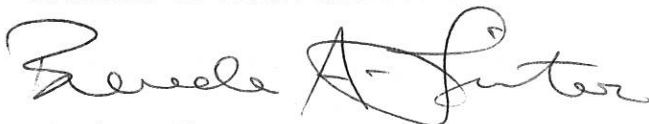
The Commission continued work on proposed solar farm regulations. A lengthy discussion followed reviewing text in the Butler County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), the current Connoquenessing Township SALDO, and examples ordinances circulated by the township solicitor. The Commission reviewed specific parameters for lot sizes, setbacks, Uniform Construction Code compliance, neighboring property screening, vegetation maintenance, bond requirements, enforcement, and the application process. The suggested standalone ordinance was to be limited to properties with large scale solar farms as a primary use. The Commission desired to consider regulations for residential or small commercial use at a later time. Commissioner Kradel stated she would contact Slippery Rock and Worth townships to compare their solar farm ordinances. Mrs. Evelyn Hockenberry and Mr. Dave Dreher provided brief comments during the discussion relating to contents of the proposed regulations.

Commissioner Kradel moved, seconded by Commissioner Burr, to authorize the chairman to prepare a letter to the supervisors with a proposed solar farm ordinance and contents. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kradel moved, seconded by Commissioner Burr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. EDT. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWNSHIP OF CONNOQUENESSING

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan A. Linton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B".

Brendan A. Linton
Chairman, Planning Commission