

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Jordan, Chairman  
Brooks Durham  
Ryan Estrada  
John Connors  
Tim Boswell  
Chris McCune  
Barbara Iacovelli

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jim Jordan called the meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) to order at 7:00 PM in the Township meeting room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Jim Jordan made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the March 10, 2014 PC. Barbara Iacovelli made a motion to approve pending a grammatical review and cleanup of the draft. Tim Boswell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Barbara Iacovelli asked why the re-organization on the current agenda is. Jim Jordan clarified that there is no current re-organization, Tim Boswell is the Vice-Chairman, and that item on the agenda was an error.

Jim Jordan announced Brooks Durham is moving to the Zoning Board and that there would be a pending vacancy on the Planning Commission.

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**1. Review of Ordinance No. 2014- “NOXIOUS VEGETATION” and regulations governing the Planting, Growing, or Cultivation of Bamboo.**

Jim Jordan gave a brief summary concerning the logic behind the township needing to regulate Bamboo especially with this year’s heavy ice and snow fall causing Bamboo stalks to fall and encroach on public domain. He also added that to prevent spreading underground steel boxes are needed down to 30” deep to contain unwanted growth.

Barbara Iacovelli posed a question to the planning commission about the potential height bamboo in the area can grow.

Chris McCune added from a mobile phone search that there are 1200 species of bamboo ranging from 12” to 30’ in tall depending on climate.

Brooks Durham acknowledged portions of Cherry Creek having large stalks possibly close to public domain.

Barbara Iacovelli commented that the current proposed ordinance section 130-4 set-back growth limit be increased from 20’ to possibly 45’ with the thought being stalks could possibly grow beyond 20’ and fall due to snow and ice onto public right of ways.

Jim Jordan suggested a compromise of 30’.

Tim Boswell asked Jim Jordan to clarify 30’ and if that was for the height of the stalks or the distance to the right of way or property lines.

**Barbara Iacovelli motioned to change section 130-4(A) and 130-5(3) of CHAPTER 130 “NOXIOUS VEGETATION” from a distance of 20’ to public right of way or property lines to that of 30’ Chris McCune seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.**

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Comments from the a home owner at 1340 S Concord rd. were made addressing the noise levels from Penn Oaks Country Club have been increasingly burdensome. It was clarified by members of the planning commission that any the matter be brought to the Board of Supervisors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business Tim Boswell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Jim Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday April 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Thornbury Township meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Estrada