



## Pocopson Township

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### **Pocopson Township Planning Commission (PC) Meeting 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

**Commissioners Present:** Gary Summers, Suzy Breiseth, Meg Johnson, Rob Miller, Steve Simonson, and Sean Rafferty.

**Commissioner Absent:** Rob Costello.

**1. Call to Order and Public Comment:** Summers called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. No public comment.

**2. LeFevre Project/Pennsbury & Pocopson Townships; 64-1-2.1 and 63.4.128.1:** no action required.

#### **3. Ordinances:**

**a) Pre-draft alternative energy** – subsections of the pre-draft ordinance discussed by the Commissioners included the number of solar panels permitted on a parcel as juxtaposed with provisions for utility payback. PC agreed to table further discussion until the October meeting and to direct the Secretary to extend an invitation for alternative energy vendors to attend the October meeting to provide their perspective on the pre-draft ordinance. Secretary will send the pre-draft to Bill Haaf for review. Haaf may present during the October meeting.

**b) Draft fences/walls** – PC review included further amendments to *Section G. Deer and seasonal plant protection fencing*, specifically deleting and renumbering of subsections 2 (a) through (h) to clarify setback for deer fencing. PC agreed that with incorporation of these edits the draft can be submitted to the Board.

**c) Suggested edits for Section 250-52 Signs in Residential Districts** – PC reviewed suggested changes to sign ordinance submitted by the Board, including removal of the requirement for conditional use hearing (three sections) and add omitted words for one section. PC agreed with the substantive changes as discussed with the following added suggestions:

- include the reference “public lands or public easements or rights-of-way” to the language in I(1) regarding political candidate, referendum, and similar signs for upcoming elections;
- discussion ensued regarding edits to *Section J Signs that express philosophical opinions on private property* in that limiting the number of signs or the physical dimension of the sign(s) may not be reasonable.

**d) Home occupations** – tabled for a future meeting.

**4. Correspondence and Announcements:** Summers indicated that representatives to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force must be identified in the near future as the County would like to schedule preliminary meetings. He briefly explained the goals and developmental outcomes for the Comp Plan update. Time commitment will vary and ideally the task force will include 2 or 3 commissioners, members of identified committees, and an elected official. Breiseth would be willing to serve on the comprehensive plan task force.

**5. Other business:** none.

**6. Approval of July 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** Breiseth moved, Johnson seconded to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2011 as reviewed; motion unanimously approved.

**7. Adjournment:** At 9:00 P.M., Summers moved, Breiseth seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

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Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

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Gary Summers, Chair