

**RICE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
RICE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
3000 CHUCH ROAD
MOUNTAIN TOP, PA 18707**

**MINUTES
July 25, 2018**

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda were available to the public. Chairman Ray Fedor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was announced that the meeting is recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the video.

ROLL CALL:

- Richard Arnold - here**
- Ray Fedor - here**
- Tom Romanyshyn - here**
- Bob Smith - here**
- Paul Ward - here**
- Bernard Wasiakowski(alternate) - absent**

Also in attendance are:

Motion by Paul Ward, second by Tom Romanyshyn to accept the minutes of last meeting (June 27, 2018):

All were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Fedor opened the floor to Glenn Johnson, Surveyor for the West property. He stated that the purpose of the minor subdivision was to meet the requirement set by the Luzerne County GIS Department. While apparently the Rice Township portion of this subdivision was conveyed three years ago to Linsi West by her father, the GIS now requires this subdivision to occur to allow the tax bill for the properties to be sent to the respective current owners and not Linsi West's father. Attorney Gonis, representing Steinbrenner, the property owner in Wright Township, added that the result of the subdivision approval by both Rice and Wright Townships will be the creation of two separate deeds which accurately describes each lot, even though each property currently has its own unique parcel number since they each reside within the respective Townships. Discussion continued in an attempt to clarify the purpose and the outcome of the proposal.

Bob Smith commented that a development concept for these properties was presented to the Planning Commission some years ago but never pursued.

Attorney McCormack referenced the presented survey and noted the marked access road to the Rice Township property off of Burma Road. While Johnson noted that was only there because it existed

for a hunting lodge that sat on the property, McCormack explained that such an access road was not part of the minor subdivision as proposed. After further discussion, the following was decided:

MOTION by Richard Arnold, second by Tom Romanyshyn, to approve the minor subdivision known as Steinbrenner conditioned on the inclusion of a note created by the Rice Township Solicitor's office and made part of the subdivision clarifying that such approval did not include the access road as shown on the subdivision plan.

All were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Romanyshyn, second by Ward, to adjourn at 7:26 P.M.

All were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck
Secretary