

## Planning Commission Minutes

**April 3, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of Franklin Township, was held in the Township Office was called to order at 1902 hours by Chairwoman Denise Benedict. Also present were Commission members George Plavcan, Terry Rea and Dennis Howard, and secretary Ramona Junkins. Danielle Birch arrived at 1926. Visitors present: D. Carver, Rick Wybiral, John Kowalczyk, Hayden Weaver, Kathleen Netzler and Dee Engel.

### **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **MINUTES**

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018. George Plavcan seconded. Carried by all.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rick Wybiral from Freedom Farms of NW PA gave a presentation. They work with the VA, DAV, American Legion and VFW's. They would like to purchase 35 acres and then build a 15 acre greenhouse on it. It would be a semi-permanent structure. They are planning on selling locally at first then nationally.

They are currently building in Waterford on Lane Road also.

All the nutrients that they use are organic. The buildings are anchored down and are 34' bays that are connected. They plan on filtering the pond water and reusing it. The plan is to catch the rain water off the roof also. It will be a year round business; they plan to use box trucks to haul the produce out. The hours of operation will be from 7am – 7pm. At the most down the road a ways could possibly reach up to 80 including all the box truck drivers.

Lights are not directional, and the noise level will be very low.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Training Facility – Had a meeting previous tonight, discussed mowing, round up, would like a map of the grounds, a fundraiser was discussed, discussed signs, and a heating system.

Denise would like to review the Google Docs next month.

#### **ADJOURN**

Terry Rea made a motion to adjourn the meeting on April 3, 2018. Dennis Howard seconded. Carried by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2031 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Recording Secretary