

Watson Township Planning Commission

Summary of Activities from

March 2013 – January 2014

March 27, 2013- We reviewed the rationale and reasons for initiating the proposed new ordinances for medical marihuana, outdoor wood burning furnaces and wind and solar power that we had been drawing up. We discussed the possibility of having the Menske Company move into our township. Also, Chuck passed on to us what the plans of the Emergency Management Team were for the B-93 Birthday Bash.

April 2013- no meeting

May 21, 2013- no meeting (two special use permit requests were withdrawn)

June 2013- no meeting

July 24, 2013- Karen Fifelski presented information to oppose horizontal hydraulic fracturing. Dave and Chuck shared what the Gun Plains Township had been discussing regarding fracking. Mark Sisson cautioned us about enacting a moratorium. We also touched on reviewing a zoning ordinance for side yard setbacks and accessory buildings based on a letter from our lawyer's office to PCI pertaining to waterfront property.

September 25, 2013- Neighbors of Schnable Lake Campgrounds expressed their concerns about the possible non-compliance of a special use permit that was granted to the campgrounds. We said we would call PCI to have them investigate. We continued our discussion of hydraulic fracturing. Dave and Chuck again shared what they learned by attending another Gun Plains Township meeting.

October 23, 2013- The complaint at School Section Lake about a neighboring fence and shed infringement was dismissed because of the display of partiality. PCI reviewed the Schnable Lake Campgrounds special use permit compliance. There was conflicting information given to us about the fence line. We also continued our information gathering and discussion of what types of regulations are within our realm to establish. It was decided that we would wait for direction from Watson Township Board as to how they want us to proceed.

November/December 2013- no meeting