

Tinicum Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 25 2017

Present: John Cole, Vincent Dotti, Tom Casola, Walt Schneiderwind, David Upmalis and Neil Sullivan (arrived late) Absent: Ted Leister

Review of request for inclusion in the Tinicum Township Agricultural Security Area District

Property Owner: Mark W. Schmidt aka Schmidt Properties. LLC
Property Location: 3601 Bedminster Road, Ottsville, PA
Tax Parcel No. 44-011-007 and 44-011-007-001 in Tinicum Township

The Planning Commission reviewed this application for the Applicant's request for inclusion in the Tinicum Township Agricultural Security Area District (ASA).

The Committee recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept the inclusion of the Schmidt property in the ASA.

There were two questions that were thought should be addressed by the Township Solicitor:

1. To clarify that, since the property is in the Planned Industrial zone, there is no requirement to add other land to offset the removal of this property from Planned Industrial.
2. Agriculture is a Conditional Use in a Planned Industrial district. Does the owner need to apply for approval to farm the property?

Motion by Casola, seconded by Schneiderwind, to recommend that the request be accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

Action taken:

The vote was 5 to 0 on the above recommendation.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 27 2017 Meeting: Motion by Casola, seconded by Schneiderwind to approve the minutes. All in favor with two abstentions (Dotti and Upmalis)

Home Occupation

A discussion was held regarding working out of homes and the potential impact on the community. Topics of discussion included:

- Defined hours of operation
- Permitting
 - Is it required
 - Does a permit require renewal, if so, how often
- Employees

- How many would be allowed as home occupation?
- Business vehicles on property
- Hazardous materials
- Signage
- Deliveries and traffic in and out

Adjournment

Motion by Casola, seconded by Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 9pm. All in favor.