

Arlington Township
Planning Commission
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AGENDA THURSDAY, November 16th, 2023, 6:00 pm

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
 - Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
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- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:**

Bill Handlang x Tina Loomis x Ron Klein

Donna Bell x Matt Butler x All present.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Klein: motion to approve meeting agenda, supported by Bell .
Motion to approve meeting agenda -unanimous APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: September 6, 2023. Klein: Motion to approve September 6, 2003 Planning Commission minutes without modification, Supported by Handlang- unanimous APPROVED.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEM- OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING BOILER**
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Public comments focused on the sole agenda item, the proposed Outdoor Wood Burning Boiler Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Discussion comments and suggestions included:

- Burning materials as per manufacturer recommendations.
- Focus the Ordinance on the areas or districts where there is a problem, namely residential areas.
- Exterior boilers should not be permitted in residential, more populated areas-define plated and subdivisions.
- If the main goal is abating nuisance and improving air quality-why not improve the current nuisance ordinance to include air quality? And address other open burning?
- Instead of monitoring specific "burning" why not have an air quality standard for the township, perhaps based on EPA standards?
- Can particles in the air be accurately measured? Yes, then the township should invest in these instruments to be objective based on real data and not subjective.
- Setbacks were OK and mainly applied to residential areas.

- Seasoned wood should be burned and is common knowledge.
- Stack height to better dissipate smoke and diminish nuisance was discussed. This most applied to residential areas. The pros and cons of exterior insulated stacks was discussed.
- Issues with wood boilers could be handled with nuisance complaints, the requirements for existing wood boilers in residential areas outlined in the Ordinance gave direction on abating some nuisance issues.

Public comments were then closed.

BOARD DISCUSSION was opened and specific comments for clarification were asked.
Board Discussion was closed.

MOTION:

Klein- "Motion to recommend that the Planning Commission table any further action on the Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinance to permit time to redraft the document for future consideration incorporating information presented and discussed here tonight."

Supported by Loomis.

Motion: APPROVED unanimous.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Butler-Motion to adjourn.

Klein: Support

Motion Approved -unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectively Submitted,

Ronald D. Klein,
ex officio
Trustee, Arlington Township

