


**Banks Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order:** by Chair Don Miles at 6:03 with 11 participants via zoom
2. **Explanation of meeting process and procedures:**
3. **Roll/ Recognition of visitors:**
  - Present: Don Miles, Rick Diebold, Tom Cooper, Joni Wieland, Julie Waterman
  - Absent:
  - Also present: Ruben Shell, Irene Shooks, Andrea Hoeksema, Cathy Russell, Erin Heeres, Candy Hoeksema
4. **Approval of Minutes:** March 10, 2020 Meeting. MMS by Waterman, Diebold to approve minutes. MC No meeting was held in April.
5. **Reports:**
  - Zoning Board of Appeals: None
  - Zoning Administrator: Dave M. absent
  - Township Board representative: Tom Cooper highlighted Board Minutes
  - Planning Consultant: **Ruben Shell:** 2 zoning amendments: a. Private resorts added to Ag Zone. B. Ag Tourism Working on getting all text to the ZO straightened out.
6. **Announcements/correspondence:** Irene presented the letters received, most of which were form letters. All who sent in a note were acknowledged.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Rescheduling the Public Hearing for the Text Amendment Proposal to Section 6.01.3 of the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance (the Public Hearing was originally scheduled for April 14, 2020) – Adding 8-9, and definition of a resort. Motorcycle tracks and trails.** June 9 we will move forward with Public Hearing.
  - b. **Considerations regarding a text amendment for Ag Tourism and Ag Assembly:**
8. **New Business:**
  - a. **Delay of BTPC officer elections until July 14, 2020** MMS Don Miles, Tom Cooper to hold elections in July. MC
9. **Public comment (all Zoom meeting participants were unmuted):**
  - a. Tom Cooper, Rocky Top, Would that mean a special permit be needed for disc golf on a weekend event, or just for a tournament? Small groups intermittently permitted. Answer: Advertised event may need to be special use permit. Public comment closed.
10. **Next Meeting: June 9, 2020**
11. **Adjournment:** MMS Diebold, Cooper to adjourn the meeting. MC

  
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Joni Wieland, sec'y

  
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Irene Shooks, rec/sec