Snyder Steven T. Form 4 March 21, 2012

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Snyder Steven T. | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC<br>[PENN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/19/2012                          | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  SR VP-Corp Development  |  |  |
| (Street) WYOMISSING, PA 19610                               | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | e I - Non-D                            | erivative S  | Securi | ties Acqu      | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------|----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | ransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | of (D)         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock (1)                     | 03/19/2012                              |   | Code V<br>M                            | Amount 15,000  | (D)    | Price \$ 29.22 | (Instr. 3 and 4)<br>99,788   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/19/2012                              |   | S                                      | 15,000   | D      | \$ 43.9        | 84,788   | D  |   |

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Y | e                  | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable                               | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)          | \$ 29.22  | 03/19/2012                              |   | M                                      |   | 15,000 | 01/06/2006  | 01/06/2015         | Common<br>Stock   | 15,000                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Snyder Steven T.

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200 SR VP-Corp Development

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

### **Signatures**

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Steven T Snyder 03/21/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) All transactions on this form 4 were made pursuant to a stock trading plan, executed by Mr. Snyder on March 10, 2011, established pursuant to rule 10b5-1.

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