



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2017 at Deerfield Township Hall

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wynes at 6:58 p.m.

Present: Virginia Wood, Chairman Jim Wynes, Dan McGuire and Roger Lintemuth.

Absent: Connie Lynch, Tom Kromer, Jonas Cook and Zoning Administrator Melissa Nelson.

Additions/Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Virginia Wood, seconded by Dan McGuire to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed, 4-0.

Public comment on agenda: none

Old Business:

Members discussed the current status involving property owned by the Robert McQuestion Trust at the corner of Meridian and Remus Roads. The Planning Commission had denied a Special Use Permit for operation of a business in an area not zoned for commercial operations. It was agreed that the Planning Commission required information on any recent developments, current status and township options and plans. Motion was made by Roger Lintemuth, seconded by Virginia Wood, to have Planning Commission member Connie Lynch (the Township Board's representative to the Planning Commission) request from the Township Board an update by the township attorney on where the case stands and to keep the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission updated. Motion approved 4-0.

New Business:

The Deerfield Township Master Plan has been reviewed and revised and had been submitted for approval of the Township Board along with the updated and revised Township Ordinances. Planning Commission members discussed whether a separate public hearing and approval was needed. Also discussed was if the Master Plan needed

the listings of members and procedures for the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Those items are included within the Ordinance itself. It was decided to have Zoning Administrator Melissa Nelson communicate with Isabella County Community Development Director Tim Nieporte and do other research on the legal requirements regarding the Master Plan. If needed, a Public Hearing would be scheduled soon as logistically possible.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:24 pm. Motion was made by Wood, seconded by McGuire. Passed 4-0.

Next meeting: September 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Deerfield Township Hall.