

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For October 6, 2015

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission Members Present: Stevens, Wells, Phillips, Pohoda and Maas

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the September 1, 2015 minutes as written with the change to the date.” Motion: Phillips, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the October 6, 2015 Planning Meeting Agenda as written changing Item Four to read Ordinance 35”: Motion: Phillips, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman’s Comments:

- 1. Chairman Stevens stated that it appears that the legislature is working on a Marijuana Law that lets the townships decide how to handle Marijuana Clinics, etc. Also, it appears the legislature will probably not try to do too much with a fireworks law as it generates too much money.**

B. Education – General: None.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report: None.

D. Current Business:

- 1. Long Term Agenda: None.**
- 2. Begin on “Conditional Rezoning” Ordinance:**
 - a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to put this item in temporary abeyance as it was deemed more important to proceed directly to the item of a “Leash Laws” type ordinance.**
- 3. “Perpetual Garage Sales”:**
 - a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to put this item in temporary abeyance as it was deemed more important to proceed directly to the item of a “Leash Laws” type ordinance.**
- 4. “Leash Law”:**
 - a. Mr. Maas distributed copies of the new Ordinance No. 35, DRAFT 1, for the Planning Commission to review. After reviewing the new Ordinance 35 Mr. Pohoda stated that the ordinance did not exempt dogs being used within the confines of “State” land; land that is owned by the State of Michigan.**
 - b. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present to change SECTION 5 to EXCEPTIONS and add “State” land exempts for SECTIONS 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.11.**
 - c. Mr. Maas stated that he would have copies of Ordinance No. 35, DRAFT 2, ready for review at the next meeting.**

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E. New Business:

1. 2016 Planning Commission Budget Review:

- a. The 2016 Planning Commission budget was reviewed and a motion was made by Mr. Pohoda to “Accept the 2016 Planning Commission Budget and to send the budget to the Freeman Township Board”; Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Adjournment: Motion: Stevens, 2nd Phillips “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 7:40 PM.

Gary Maas, Secretary