

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For January 6, 2016

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

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

Absent: Pillips.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the November 3, 2015 minutes as written.” Motion: Wells, 2nd Maas: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the January 6, 2016 agenda as being only the new proposed Ordinance for the Control of Dogs .”: Motion: Wells, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

- A. Review “Ordinance for the Control Of Dogs”; New Ord. No.35:**
- 1. All of the Planning Commission present reviewed the letter received from the township attorney, Jaynie Hoerauf, that gave a very lengthy opinion on how to proceed with the current Draft 2 of the Ordinance for the Control of Dogs.**
 - 2. In reviewing Ms. Hoerauf’s letter the following amendment actions were taken:**
 - a. Addition of “Kennel” to the definitions in the Zoning Ordinance using Ms. Hoerauf’s suggested language.**
 - b. In the Zoning Ordinance definitions under “FARM” change the wording from “commercial kennel” to “kennel”.**
 - c. In Section 5 of the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs add the exemption language as follows; “Three (3) or more dogs can be “temporarily boarded” for not more than thirty (30) days and without compensation.”**
 - d. Remove all of Section 6 from the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs and put it into the Zoning Ordinance as new subsection 4.31.**
 - e. Add that kennels are not a permitted use in all the residential districts (R, MR and/or RMH) in Zoning Ordinance subsection 4.31.**
 - f. Add in the Zoning Ordinance under Permitted Principle Uses kennels are allowed in districts AG, C, RC and/or LI.**
 - g. Eliminate Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and Section 7 in the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs as being redundant since these items are already covered by county and/or state law.**
 - h. At the beginning of Section 8 of the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs add that the ordinance will be enforced by the Clare County Sheriffs Department.**

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- i. Add Ms. Hoerauf's suggested language for Service Dogs and Law Enforcement Dogs to become new Sections 5.1 and 5.2. Keep old Section 5.2 and make it Section 5.3 and make the portion called "Exemptions" and make it new Section 5.4 called "Other Exemptions".**
- j. Mr. Maas stated that he would make the changes and have copies ready for review at the next meeting and asked Chairman Stevens when the next might be.**
- k. Chairman Stevens stated that he will get with Al Housler and determine if another Planning Commission meeting is needed to finish the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs before the regularly scheduled meeting in March.**

C. Adjournment: Motion: Pohodas, 2nd Wells "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 8:20 PM.

Gary Maas, Secretary