

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For January 20, 2016 Planning Commission Special Meeting

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

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

Absent: Phillips.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the January 6, 2016 minutes as written." Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Wells: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the January 20, 2016 agenda as being only the new proposed Ordinance for the Control of Dogs and the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Kennels.": Motion: Wells, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

- A. Chairman Stevens opened the meeting by stating that he had read in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) that the Planning Commission could approve a Zoning Ordinance Change as long as there was a public hearing. Chairman Stevens stated that he had called the MTA and they had informed him that the Board could also approve a Zoning Ordinance change as well as long as there was a public hearing.
 - a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present that it would be time better spent if the new Ordinance for the Control of Dogs and the Zoning Ordinance amendments were at the same public hearing and all approved by the Freeman Township Board at one time.

- B. Review "Ordinance for the Control Of Dogs"; New Ord. No.35:
 1. All of the Planning Commission members present reviewed the current Draft 3 of the Ordinance for the Control of Dogs.
 - a. Mr. Wells noted that Section 5.5.A. under EXCEPTIONS was already covered under Sections 5.1 and 5.2. All Planning Commission members present agreed that this should be taken out.
 - b. It was agreed by all Planning commission members present that the rest of the Ordinance for the Control of Dogs was good as written and should be sent to the Freeman Township Board.
 - c. A motion was made by Mr. Pohoda, second Mr. Wells; "That the Ordinance for the Control of Dogs, Draft 3, with Section 5.5.A. under EXCEPTIONS removed, be sent to the Freeman Township Board with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval." The motion carried unanimously by all Planning Commission members present.
 - d. Mr. Maas stated that he would send the revised Ordinance for the Control of Dogs to the Freeman Township Board as soon as possible and that the revised version would be Draft 4.

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- C. Review of the Zoning Ordinance amendments with respect to “Kennels”:**
 - a. After a review of the Zoning Ordinance amendments with respect to “Kennels” a motion was made by Mr. Maas, second Mr. Wells; “To send the Zoning Ordinance amendments with respect to “Kennels” to the Freeman Township board with the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve.”**
 - b. Mr. Maas stated that he would send the Zoning Ordinance amendments with respect to “Kennels” to the Freeman Township Board as well.**

- D. Adjournment: Motion: Pohodas, 2nd Wells “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 7:20 PM.**

Gary Maas, Secretary