

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For March 2, 2016

Due to scheduling issues by some of the Planning Commission members the regular Planning meeting was moved from March 1, 2016 to March 2, 2016.

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 20, 2016 special meeting minutes as written.” Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Wells: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the March 2, 2016 Planning Meeting Agenda as written.”: Motion: Wells, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman’s Comments:

- 1. Chairman Stevens stated that there will have to be further discussion on the Dog Ordinance on an issue brought up concerning “puppies”, and how are they are to be dealt with in the ordinance since there does not seem to be any reference to puppies.**

B. Education – General: None.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report: None.

D. Current Business:

1. Long Term Agenda:

- a. Chairman Stevens stated that he will look into the new Michigan Marijuana laws to see if there is anything Planning may want to work on in the future and add to the Long Term Agenda.**

2. Begin on “Conditional Rezoning” Ordinance:

- a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present that this item may be unnecessary for Freeman Township; but the item was put in abeyance until Mr. Phillips was present for his input.**

3. “Perpetual Garage Sales”:

- a. After a short discussion of the importance of this item Chairman Stevens stated that he would check with surrounding townships to see what, if any, type of ordinance they had and report back. It was agreed by all Planning members present to put this item in abeyance until Chairman Stevens had more information.**

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4. Dog Ordinance No. 35:

- a. Chairman Stevens stated as he had at the beginning of the meeting that there had been a concern by Mike Green on how the new Dog Ordinance was going to handle “puppies” as there was no mention of puppies in the new ordinance.
- b. It was brought up to send a letter of recommendation for an amendment to the new Dog Ordinance to the Freeman Township Board involving terminology addressing “puppies”, but Mr. Pohoda stated that the new amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Definitions for “Kennel” addresses the age of dogs constituting a kennel as “six (6) or more months old”.
- c. It was brought up that perhaps the number of litters per premises should be moderated but it was unknown if there were any legal issues involved here. Mr. Maas stated that he would send a letter to Jaynie Hoerauf for counsel on this matter.
- d. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present to recommend leaving the new Dog Ordinance as is for now with the possibility of amending it further in the future.

E. New Business: None.

F. Adjournment: Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Wells “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 7:50 PM.

Gary Maas, Secretary