

**FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes For July 7, 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 June 2, 2015 minutes as written.”**

**Motion: Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pohoda: Motion Carried.**

**Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the July 7, 2015 Planning Meeting Agenda as written with the exception to add “Perpetual Garage Sales” for discussion.” Motion: Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillips: Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Business Activities:**

**A. Chairman’s Comments:**

- 1. Chairman Stevens stated that the Freeman Township board is considering passing a resolution to allow golf carts on all township roads except for M-115.**
- 2. Chairman Stevens reminded all Planning Commission members that the meeting in August would fall on an election day and would need to be on Wednesday.**
- 3. Chairman Stevens further stated that the Planning Commission could be looking at fireworks regulation down the road as the state may be changing the law due to several safety issues. However, Chairman Stevens added that this would probably not happen as the revenue to the state from fireworks licenses would win out.**

**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. Mr. Pohoda distributed copies of information on “Conditional Rezoning” from the MTA. Mr. Pohoda stated that Lincoln Township had passed a Conditional Rezoning Ordinance that dedicated four pages to apply for the Condition Rezoning.**
  - b. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to put this item in abeyance until everyone had the chance to read the information.**
- 3. “Perpetual Garage Sales”:**
  - a. Chairman Stevens stated that the house on M-115 has had a sign up for a garage type sale for some time and the Planning Commission should be looking into this.**
  - b. The discussion hinged on contacting Mr. Logan to bring more light on the subject as it was thought that this item had been discussed before.**
  - c. It was decided by all Planning Commission members to put this item in abeyance until such time that Mr. Logan could take part.**

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**E. New Business:**

**1. "Leash Law"**

- a. Mr. Maas stated that he had been contacted by two families inquiring if Freeman Township had a "Leash Law" for dogs and that they would like to see this.
- b. Chairman Stevens stated that Clare County did not have a "Leash Law", but would check with the City of Clare to see if they did.
- c. Mr. Maas stated that he would check with the township attorney as to the feasibility of such an ordinance.
- d. At this point it was decided by all Planning Commission members to put this item in abeyance until the next regular meeting.

**2. August Planning Meeting:**

- a. Chairman Stevens stated that the August Planning Commission meeting would have to be on Wednesday, August 5.
- b. Mr. Maas stated that he would not be able to attend, and Mr. Pohoda stated that he also would not be able to attend.
- c. After a short discussion a motion was made by Mr. Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pohoda; "To not have the August, 2015 Planning Commission meeting and resume on September 1, 2015." Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Adjournment: Motion: Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pohoda "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 7:40 PM.**

**Gary Maas, Secretary**