

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

**Minutes For June 3, 2019**

**Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.**

**Planning Commission Members Present: Phillips, Pohoda, Barnett, Eckardt and Maas**

**Absent: None**

**A quorum was present.**

**Others Present: Al Housler.**

**Minutes: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion “To accept the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes as written.”**

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

**Agenda: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion “To accept the June 3, 2019 Planning Meeting Agenda as**

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

**Public Comments: None.**

**Meeting Business Activities:**

**A. Chairman’s Comments:**

- 1. Chairman Phillips stated that he would hold his comments for New Business.**

**B. Education – General:**

- 1. Chairman Phillips stated that he had gotten a training brochure in the mail and commented on how expensive the training classes had gotten, with Al Housler agreeing.**

**C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report: None.**

**D. Current Business:**

- 1. Long Term Agenda: None.**

**2. Review example ordinance for “Code of Ethics”:**

- a. Mr. Maas asked Mr. Housler, if in his opinion, should the Planning Commission go ahead and work on the Freeman Township Code of Ethics. Mr. Housler stated that yes that it would be in the townships best interest to have this on the books.**
- b. Chairman Phillips asked Mr. Housler if using the City of Battle Creek Code of Ethics as an example would be a good fit for Freeman Township? Mr. Housler stated that it would be fine.**
- c. The Planning Commission reviewed the City of Battle Creek code of ethics ordinance with the only changes being changing City of Battle Creek references to Freeman Township and numbering it as new Freeman Township Ordinance No. 38.**
- d. Mr. Maas stated that he would have a draft ready for the next Planning Commission meeting.**

**3. Review Zoning Ordinance No. 8 Concerning Pole Buildings:**

- a. Mr. Maas distributed copies of the Zoning Ordinance changes in reference to pole buildings.**
- b. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members that the changes should be sent to the Freeman Township Board with a recommendation to adopt.**
- c. Mr. Maas stated that he would do this.**

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**D. New Business:**

- 1. Chairman Phillips stated that there may be need to “beef up” the Zoning Ordinance in reference to weekend camping. He further stated that there was a large group of campers at Lake Tahoe over Memorial weekend that exceeded the allowed parameters set down in the Section 4.19 of the Zoning Ordinance.**
- 2. After reviewing Section 4.19 of the Zoning Ordinance it was determined that there was an erroneous reference to Article XVIII that should be Article XVII. Where Article XVII deals entirely with Violations and Penalties that would make violating Section 4.19 a civil infraction.**
- 3. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to immediately amend the offending typo with a letter of the action sent to the Freeman Township Board. Mr. Maas stated he would do this.**
- 4. Chairman Phillips stated that this discovery of “teeth” in Section 4.19 would be more than adequate.**

**F. Adjournment: Motion: Eckardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barnett “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 10:50 AM.**

**Gary Maas, Secretary**