

## FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For June 7, 2018

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

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

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: None.

Minutes: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion "To accept the April 5, 2018 meeting minutes as written."

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

Minutes: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion "To accept the May 3, 2018 meeting minutes as written."

Motion: Barnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eckardt: Motion Carried with Maas and Pohoda abstaining because they were not at the May 3, 2018 meeting.

Agenda: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion "To accept the June 7, 2018 Planning Meeting Agenda as written adding 'Review of Cemetery Costs': Motion: Pohoda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eckardt: Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman's Comments:

1. Chairman Phillips stated that Al Housler desired that the Planning Commission review the Freeman Township cemetery costs and that Julie Lightfoot had created a chart comparing Freeman Township's costs with the City of Clare and several townships within Clare County for the Planning Commission to review.

B. Education – General: None.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report: None.

D. Current Business:

1. Long Term Agenda: None.
2. Continued Review of Freeman Township Ordinances:
  - a. Freeman Township Ordinance No.'s 27 through 35 were reviewed with no changes.
  - b. Mr. Maas stated that he would update the Ordinance Index to reflect all recent review action.
3. Amendment of Ordinance No. 23, Sec. C. to include "inoperable vehicles":
  - a. Chairman Phillips that this action had taken place and voted to accept at the May 3, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
  - b. Mr. Maas stated that he would have Draft 1 of Ordinance No. 23 with the addition of "inoperable vehicles" ready for review at the next meeting.
4. Master Plan Review:
  - a. After reviewing what literature was on hand by the various Planning Commission members it was determined to put this item in abeyance until the next Planning Commission meeting so all members had up-to-date copies of the required information.

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**5. Review of Cemetery costs per Julie Lightfoot's Comparison Chart:**

- a. Chairman Phillips distributed copies of the comparison chart, created by Julie Lightfoot, of various cemetery costs within Clare County.
- b. After reviewing the information in the comparison chart it was determined by all Planning Commission members that Freeman Township's cemetery costs were comparable with other townships within the county.
- c. Chairman Phillips stated that he would bring this up at the next Freeman Township Board meeting and recommend that the cemetery costs were good as is unless there is something specific the Board would like to change.

**E. New Business:**

1. Mr. Pohoda stated that he would like the Planning Commission to look at changing the date and time of the Planning meetings to mornings.
  - a. After some discussion it was determined that the Planning Commission meeting would be changed to the first Monday of the month at 10:00 AM, except for September which would be the second Monday due to Labor Day weekend.
  - b. Mr. Maas stated that he would write a letter to Julie Lightfoot detailing this.

**F. Adjournment: Motion: Maas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pohoda "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 8:00 PM.**

Gary Maas, Secretary

