

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For August 3, 2017

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: Harold Logan.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the July 6, 2016 meeting minutes as written."

Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Phillips: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the August 3, 2017 Planning Meeting Agenda as written": Motion: Maas, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman's Comments:

1. **Chairman Stevens stated that he had sent an e-mail to Al Housler concerning the issue of there not being any money in the Planning Commission budget for the training that he and Mr. Phillips were going to take. Chairman Stevens also stated that he had talked with Clerk Julie Lightfoot about the same issue. Chairman Stevens stated he was told the township was too low in funds due to the cost of the un-funded mandate by the state to reassess and take photos of all properties in Freeman Township.**

B. Education – General: None.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report:

1. **Mr. Logan stated that he had four Zoning permits issued last month and is currently monitoring twelve blight properties of which two have been cleaned up and one he wrote a citation on.**
2. **Mr. Logan also stated that he would like the Planning Commission to look into eliminating the 144 square foot or less requirement for out-buildings not needing a Zoning permit (Sec. 4.13.C. of the Zoning Ordinance). This would give him greater flexibility in controlling out-buildings which has become an issue for him.**
3. **It was decided by all Planning Commission members to put this item on next month's regular agenda.**

D. Current Business:

1. **Long Term Agenda: None.**

2. Master Plan:

- a. **All Planning Commission members present agreed to put this item in abeyance until the next meeting.**

3. Amended Cemetery Ordinance No. 14 Draft 2 Review:

- a. **After the amendments to Sec. IV.A. concerning cemetery plot costs were reviewed a motion was made by Mr. Phillips, 2nd Mr. Pohoda to; "Send a letter to the Freeman Township Board recommending the approval of the amended Ordinance No. 14, "Township Owned Cemeteries". Motion Carried.**

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- 4. Planning Budget – No Money for Training:**
 - a. Chairman Stevens re-stated the apparent situation of there being no money in the Planning Commission budget for training in spite of the Planning Commission not having gone to any training for some time and always coming in under budget each year.**
 - b. After discussing this issue it was decided by all Planning commission members to put all future training requests in writing to the Freeman Township Board with the expectation of receiving a written reply back whether approved or not for documentation.**
- 5. Mobile Home Construction – Pitched Roof & Lap Siding:**
 - a. Mr. Logan stated that there had been an older twelve foot by sixty foot mobile home placed on a property between M-115 and Ashard Road. Mr. Logan stated that himself and Mr. Mantei would like to see the Zoning Ordinance amended to require all future used mobile homes brought into the township have pitched roofs and lap type siding.**
 - b. Chairman Stevens requested that Mr. Logan and Mr. Mantei get together and come up with what they see as appropriate language for this amendment for the Planning Commission to review at the next meeting. Mr. Logan stated that he would do this.**
 - c. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to put this item on next month's regular agenda.**

F. Adjournment: Motion: Phillips, 2nd Wells "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 7:44 PM.

Gary Maas, Secretary

