

## FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For June 1, 2017

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

Planning Commission Members Present: Stevens, Phillips, Pohoda and Maas

Absent: Wells.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Harold Logan

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the May 4, 2016 meeting minutes as written."

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

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion "To accept the June 1, 2017 Planning Meeting Agenda as written": Motion: Pohoda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillips: Motion Carried.

### Meeting Business Activities:

#### A. Chairman's Comments:

1. Chairman Stevens informed all that Mr. Wells was in the Midland hospital.
2. Chairman Stevens stated that he had spoke with Al Housler concerning availability of grants for "Blight". Chairman Stevens said that Mr. Housler checked into this and found there were only grants for blighted properties that would be redeveloped by the township.

#### B. Education – General: None.

#### C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report:

1. Mr. Logan stated that he has had four (4) zoning permits so far this month and of the fourteen (14) blight issues he is following two (2) have been cleaned up.
2. Mr. Pohoda asked if there had been anything happening with the siding issue on the property at Shadowbrook and Woodland in Lake of the Pines, where there is only siding on one side of the building. Mr. Logan stated that he did not have any update on this but would look into it.
3. Mr. Phillips asked there was an update on the Verizon tower that was to go up at the corner of Ashard and M-115. Mr. Logan stated that he had issued a Zoning Permit some time ago but has not heard anything and there has been no apparent work started.

#### D. Current Business:

1. Long Term Agenda: None.
2. Master Plan:
  - a. Chairman Stevens distributed a summary of the Master Plan review that the Planning Commission had gone through at the April Meeting. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present to put this issue in abeyance so everyone could have time to read the summary for further review at the next meeting.
3. Landlord & Tenant Rental Ordinance:
  - a. Chairman Stevens stated that he had discussed this issue with Mr. Housler and he concluded that Freeman Township does not have a problem with rentals that would warrant any further action on this.
  - b. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present that this item be removed from the regular agenda

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**4. Cemetery Ordinance No. 14 Review and/or Update:**

- a. Chairman Stevens stated that Mr. Housler desired a review of the current Cemetery Ordinance to update it and add language determining seasonal time limitations for decorations and/or flowers. To that end a general review of Cemetery Ordinance No. 14 ensued.
- b. Chairman Stevens distributed a sheet of possible changes and/or additions to the Cemetery Ordinance.
- c. After much discussion it was agreed to add a definition of internment to Section II, and add a new paragraph in Section VIII outlining clear seasonal time limitations for grave decorations.
- d. Mr. Maas stated that he would have a draft of the amended Cemetery Ordinance No. 14 for the next meeting.

**E. New Business:**

**1. Planning Commission By-Law Review:**

- a. Mr. Maas stated that according to his records the Planning Commission By-Laws should be reviewed in 2017.
- b. All Planning Commission members present agreed to put this item on next month's regular agenda.

**F. Adjournment: Motion: Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pohoda "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 7:45 PM.**

**Gary Maas, Secretary**

