

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

**Minutes For April 5, 2016**

**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 March 2, 2016 meeting minutes as written.” Motion: Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pohoda: Motion Carried.**

**Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the April 5, 2016 Planning Meeting Agenda as written.”: Motion: Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wells: Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Business Activities:**

**A. Chairman’s Comments:**

- 1. Chairman Stevens stated that he had a discussion with Al Housler and Harold Logan about a possible up-coming rezoning where the involved parties are looking at rezoning from Residential (R) to Agricultural (AG). It was discussed that this area of Freeman Township was almost all zoned Recreation Conservation (RC) and that the involved parties may want to attempt to rezone to RC as this would also fit their purposes. Chairman Stevens further stated that there were 34 land owners in this area currently zoned R and that the township may want something in writing and signed by at least a majority stating they want this rezoning.**
- 2. Chairman Stevens stated that there were thirty three (33) people that came to the Board of Review and almost all were questions concerning State Equalized Value (SEV) increases.**

**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. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present that this item may be unnecessary for Freeman Township. Mr. Phillips stated that there was no need for this in Lake Tahoe.**
  - b. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members that his item could be permanently removed from the agenda.**
- 3. “Perpetual Garage Sales”:**
  - a. Chairman Stevens passed out copies of a “Regulation of Garage Sales” from the city of Oak Park.**
  - b. It was discussed that there were some good things in the material but to charge a fee for a permit to have a garage sale was not a good idea for Freeman Township.**
  - c. Chairman Stevens stated that he would discuss this with the Freeman Township Board as to whether they want Planning to pursue this item.**

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**4. Dog Ordinance No. 35:**

- a. Chairman Stevens stated that the new Dog Ordinance passed.
- b. Mr. Maas said he had contacted the township lawyer, Jaynie Hoerauf, concerning whether or not the township could regulate litters of puppies as this may involve someone having enough dogs to be considered a Kennel. Mr. Maas stated that according to Ms. Hoerauf the township could indeed regulate the quantities of litters but would have to write a separate provision for this.
- c. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members that such a provision would currently not be necessary.

**E. New Business:**

**1. Possible Planning Meeting Day Change:**

- a. After a short discussion about schedule conflicts with the first Tuesday of each month it was decided that the first Thursday of each month would work for all concerned and this would also eliminate any need to change meeting dates for future elections. It was also deemed that the May meeting would not be necessary.
- b. A motion was made by Chairman Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Phillips, "To change the Planning Commission meeting dates from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Thursday of each month starting in June of 2016; with the May 2016 Planning Commission meeting canceled." The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Maas stated that he would send a letter to Pat Humphrey with the meeting date changes.

**F. Adjournment: Motion: Pohoda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maas "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 7:52 PM.**

Gary Maas, Secretary