

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For September 1, 2015

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 July 7, 2015 minutes as written.”

Motion: Phillips, 2nd Pohoda: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Stevens asked for a motion “To accept the September 1, 2015 Planning

Meeting Agenda as written: Motion: Phillips, 2nd Wells: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman’s Comments:

- 1. Chairman Stevens stated that in the MTA letter he received there was information saying that there was definitely legislation is in the works that would allow local municipalities/townships to eliminate or regulate Medical Marijuana “clinics” by ordinance, which would include operational fees where desired again by ordinance. Chairman Stevens thought that the Planning Commission should keep a watchful eye on this as it unfolds.**
- 2. Chairman Stevens stated that in his discussion with the Freeman Township Board they had expressed the importance of expediting a “Leash Law” type ordinance. All Planning Commission members present agreed to put other agenda items in temporary abeyance to deal with a “Leash Law” type ordinance.**

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 to put this item in temporary abeyance as it was deemed more important to proceed directly to the item of a “Leash Laws” type ordinance.**
- 3. “Perpetual Garage Sales”:**
 - a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members to put this item in temporary abeyance as it was deemed more important to proceed directly to the item of a “Leash Laws” type ordinance.**
- 4. “Leash Law”:**
 - a. Chairman Stevens distributed copies of Lincoln Township’s “Ordinance For The Control of Dogs”. Chairman Stevens stated that he thought that his would give the Planning Commission a good place to start.**
 - b. After reviewing Lincoln Township’s “Ordinance For The Control of Dogs” all Planning Commission members agreed that his would be a good fit for Freeman Township and that the ordinance could be altered to update it and to reflect Freeman Township in general.**

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- c. A more thorough review was given of the proposed ordinance. The new Freeman Township “Ordinance For The Control of Dogs” would then be Freeman Township Ordinance No. 35.**
 - i. Of course all references to Lincoln Township would be changed to Freeman Township.**
 - ii. In Section 4.4; the term “at large” will be looked up in Clare County Ordinance 18 where it is referenced to determine its relevance to Freeman Township.**
 - iii. In Section 4.5; the leash length will be changed from eight (8) feet to fifteen (15) feet.**
 - iv. In Section 4.7; all locations listed will be eliminated except for cemeteries.**
 - v. In Section 5; “service dogs in use for medically documented reasons” to be added.**
 - vi. In section 6.3; references to R-1, 2, 3, 4 are eliminated.**
 - vii. Section 6.5 is eliminated.**
- d. Mr. Maas stated that he would have the revised new Freeman Township Ordinance No. 35 for the next meeting.**

E. New Business: None.

F. Adjournment: Motion: Wells, 2nd Phillips “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 7:52 PM.

Gary Maas, Secretary