

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For November 06, 2023

Chairman Eckardt called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Planning Commission Members Present: Barnett, Seig, Mann, Eckardt, and Maas.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present. Yes.

Others Present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Mr. Mann made a motion "To accept the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes as written."

Motion: 2nd Seig: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Eckardt made a motion "To accept the November 11, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda as written: Motion: 2nd Barnett: Motion Carried.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman's Comments:

1. **Chairman Eckardt stated that Township Supervisor Al Housler requested that the Planning Commission move the Cargo, Storage and Shipping Container Ordinance along as quickly as possible.**

B. Education – General: None.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report: None.

D. Current Business:

1. **Long Term Agenda: None.**
2. **Proposed New Ordinance No. 41-DRAFT 2: "Code of Ethics for Freeman Township Officials Ordinance"**
 - a. **Per Ms. Barnett the proposed Code of Ethics Ordinance is still pending with the Board.**
3. **Draft 2 amendments to 8.02.B, 11.02.B & 12.A.4 of the Zoning Ordinance:**
 - a. **Ms. Barnett stated that she thought the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes were approved already but could find nothing in the Freeman Township Board meeting minutes about this. Subsequently, the amendments are still pending with the Board.**
4. **Freeman Township Ordinances.**
 - a. **Ms. Barnett stated that Ordinance No. 5 to Repeal Ordinance No. 1; had been approved by the Freeman Township Board effective October 12, 2023.**
5. **Mr. Maas distributed copies of the new Freeman Township Ordinance No. 45 –"Cargo, Shipping and Storage Container Ordinance". After all Planning Commission members reviewed the new ordinance, Chairmen Eckardt made a motion to accept and recommend the new Ordinance No. 45 as written and send it to the Freeman Township board for their approval." Mr. Mann second; Motion Carried.**
 - a. **Mr. Maas stated he would send the recommendation to the Freeman Township Board.**

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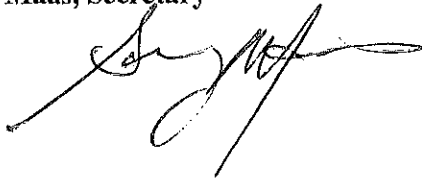
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E. New Business:

1. Chairman Eckardt stated that a question had come up concerning the possible noise violation with someone idling a semi truck engine all night in Lake of the Pines and if there was an ordinance covering this type of situation?
 - a. After some discussion it was determined that the possible noise situation and/or violation was covered by Freeman Township Ordinance No. 39, Section 4.E. that deals with exhaust as noise.
2. Planning Commission Officer Elections: Chairman Eckardt asked all current officers if they would stay in their respective positions? All current officers agreed to stay on in current positions.
 - a. Chairman Eckardt made a motion that all current officers stay in current positions, as they have all agreed to do so, Ms. Barnett second; Motion Carried.
3. Mr. Maas read off the tentative Planning Commission meeting dates for 2024 as:
 - a. March 4, May 6, July 1, September 9 and November 4.
 - b. Ms. Barnett made a motion to accept these meeting dates as given, Chairman Eckardt second; Motion Carried.

F. Adjournment: Motion: Barnett, 2nd Maas "To adjourn". Motion Carried. Time 11:15 AM.

Gary Maas, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Maas", written over a horizontal line.