

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Cindy Selden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Van Lente.

Present: Sue VanLente, Cindy Selden, Ross Schneider, Tony Dixon, Bill Stegenga, Marcy Lay, Hope Partlow,
Guest: Pat Schrauben

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Tony Dixon to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Glass Masters Expansion:

Ted Platte still working with architect. As soon as he contacts Jeanne we will schedule a public hearing.

New Business:

Add Group Home Daycare to Zoning Ordinance:

Carol Russell, a Township resident, wants to open a licensed Group Home Daycare in her home to care for 7-12 children. She lives in an R-1 district. When our ordinance was written, the term Group Home Daycare didn't exist, so we don't have anything in our ordinance to allow it. We will research proper wording and definitions and will address it at our next meeting.

Public Hearing:

Motion by Ross Schneider, seconded by Hope Partlow to make corrections to our zoning ordinance. When the zoning ordinance went into effect in 2000 and digital mapping wasn't as precise as it is now, seven parcels of land adjacent to the industrial park off Lyons Road were erroneously zoned. Four parcels, two on each side of Industrial Drive will be rezoned R1 from Industrial; 1 parcel across Lyons Road from Industrial Drive will be rezoned AG from Industrial; two parcels between the industrial park and THK will be rezoned Industrial from AG. All were in favor. The PC is recommending approval of the change to the Township Board. The Board can adopt this change next week.

Discuss Solar Farms

Jeanne provided the Pittsfield Township ordinance; we also have Danby's proposed ordinance, though they have made some changes since it was written. Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Hope Partlow to table until the next meeting. All were in favor.

Elect Officers:

Secretary: Motion by Bill Stegenga, seconded by Marcy Lay to reappoint Sue Vanlente. All in favor.

Vice Chair: Motion by Bill Stegenga, seconded by Marcy Lay to reappoint Ross Schneider. All in favor.

Chair: Motion by Ross Schneider, seconded by Marcy Lay to reappoint Cindy Selden. All in favor.

Planning Commission Member Comments:

Short discussion about medical marijuana

Future Meetings: The next regular meeting will be held March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Motion was made by Marcy Lay, seconded by Cindy Selden to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.