

Keene Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

7:00 pm

Members Present: Doug Eddy, Lori Larsen, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Corey Wojcik.

Members Absent: Mike Gasper and Jeff Braam (both called ahead)

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: None

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

Corey made a motion to accept the November minutes as presented. Matt seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

A discussion about the terms of office were added to new business.

Open discussion for issues not on the agenda

- Correspondence Received: None
- Planning Commission Members: None
- Members of the Audience: None

Report from Township Board Representative

Corey reported that it will be some time before the trees hanging over the roads are addressed. He noted that the Emelander property was sold to Maple Row Dairy. He attended a township officers meeting and reports that the Ionia County Road Commission has a new group of drivers that do not have the same level of experience that we have seen in the past. They are learning the job skills and there has been and will be a lot of personnel turnover with retirements.

Report from Zoning Administrator

See written report for January 2018 for details.

Old Business:

The Cemetery Committee has reviewed the existing site maps for Pinckney Cemetery. The map

showing six lots with six grave sites per lot are correct. The maps showing 16 lots with two grave sites per lot are not correct. The maps on the window shades did not account for four grave sites per row, with a loss of over one hundred graves in total. For now, we will use the older maps.

Both journals containing the burial records for both cemeteries have been scanned and are now digitally recorded for preservation and for use in future projects. All records have been entered into a spreadsheet, which will help with grave site documentation in the spring.

New Business:

Planning Commission term limits. Doug and Ray's terms both expired in December. Doug is not planning to serve another three years. A new member will need to be appointed.

Elect Officers. 2018 PC officers were elected and are as follows:

- Jeff Braam was nominated to serve as PC Chairperson. Ray made a motion to approve the nomination, Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- Ray was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair. Matt made a motion to approve the nomination, Corey seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.
- Lori was nominated to serve as PC secretary. Matt made a motion to approve the nomination, Ray seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Other business

The construction of White's Bridge is scheduled to begin this spring once a bid is selected. The bridge will be reinforced with steel beams and will be wide enough to accommodate an ambulance, but not a fire truck. The steel will not be visible.

Adjournment: Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32. Matt seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Next regular meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2018.