

MINUTES of October 28, 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Garofalo

Roll Call: Members present: Harry Smith, Tony Garofalo, Carol Browne, Ron Remington, Fred Lewis and Ken Engleking, Zoning Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Fred Lewis to approve minutes of the September 23, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed.

Approval of the Agenda: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Ron Remington to approve the Agenda of the October 28, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Opened 7:04 pm - Rezoning Request of Parcel 22-007-008-00

Mr. Paul Veldhoff asked that his property be rezoned from rural residential to agricultural. Chair Garofalo stated that changes happening at the state level make it difficult for townships to act with authority on agricultural matters at the present.

Mr. Veldhoff stated that his parcel was agricultural before the township rezoned it rural residential. It is more than a mile from an electric pole and would be impractical to build on. Trustee Smith stated this rezoning was done in 2004 to reduce spot zoning and make parcels more uniform in the township.

After further discussion, Carol Browne made a motion supported by Harry Smith to table this request until more definitive information can be obtained from the township attorney. An amendment to the motion was made to insure that Mr. Veldhoff would not have to pay an additional fee. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Fred Lewis supported by Ron Remington to close the Public Hearing. Motion Passed.

Public Hearing Adjourned 7:29

Old Business:

A. Valley Township Master Plan

The discussion of the Master Plan was postponed until the November meeting.

New Business:

A. None

Zoning Administrator Report:

None

Open Discussion of Non-Agenda Items:

Supervisor Browne stated he had received several complaints from citizens about being treated impolitely when doing Township business. He reminded the commission (as he is doing with all committees and the Board) to treat people with politeness even if we do not agree with their requests.

Adjournment:

Ron Remington made a motion supported by Harry Smith to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carol S. Browne, Secretary