

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Facility Planning Task Force

7 April, 2009

7:00 PM

Avon City Hall

Present: Ken Mergen, Lee Larkey, Steve Himsl, Gene Casey, Arlene Truscinzki, Ed Springer, Jr., Marcy Heinen, LeRoy Gondringer, Roger Nelson, Zoe Graul, Richard Bresnahan, Eric Linn, Steve Plantenberg, Stephen Saupe.

Call to Order – Chair Steve Plantenberg called the group to order.

1. Members introduced themselves.
2. Plantenberg opened the meeting and indicated that the goal was to discuss a possible location for a facility. He also provided a brief overview of township zoning and planning. The Joint Powers Board was created to examine any areas slated for the planned growth area of Avon.
3. Gondringer provided history on township property south of Budde Trucking where the township salt shed is currently located.
4. Casey asked if a cost analysis for the project had been done and what the total costs will be (i.e., for plowing, labor, and purchase, storage and maintenance of plows). Gondringer indicated that our contract with Lange Trenching is \$5000 per month whether it snows or not. Labor is additional. Lange's service is good, but he wants to get out of the business. Local townships do their own plowing. Colledgeville built a facility for \$450,000.
5. Records - Casey suggested that we needed to consolidate township records and get them into a secure location. The group generally supported a suggestion that the Supervisors consider putting records into a secure facility until a more permanent solution is found.
6. Sites - The group considered whether to use the existing township property. Long-term there likely will be problems with the City (i.e., accessibility, land-locked) and it is not centrally located and more difficult to get to for voting. The general consensus was to sell the property to use the cost to offset the purchase of a more feasible property.
7. Sites suggested include: (a) Co Rd 9, especially near intersection with Queen's Road and 360th (to provide access from Sun Ridge from the East, Tower Rd from the west); (b) Old County Road 54, near the lake Wobegon Trail; (c) corner near Larkey's home (flat, sandy, good intersection, but less than one mile from the north edge of the township); (d) Zwilling property near Sun Ridge; (e) across from Merdan farm.

8. The general consensus was that sections 9 and 16 seem to be the best locations and that we require a minimum of five acres. Collegeville has two acres but needs to store salt off-site.
9. When looking for land – we could talk to people, put a notice in the paper, and/or send a letter to individuals in the targeted area to see if they might be interested in selling.
10. An advantage of the facility is that the township might be able to generate some rental income.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2008 – Collegeville Township Hall

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Saupe, Deputy Clerk
Avon Township