

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

February 27, 2013

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

Call to Order: Chairman Mergen called to order the regular meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission at 7:30 PM. in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, and Stephen Saupe. Absent – Lowell Rushmeyer

Approval of Agenda: Kremers moved to approve the agenda of the meeting as presented. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Mergen moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2013 meeting as presented. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none scheduled*

Scheduled Business:

1. Wunderlich – Mr. Jim Wunderlich appeared to request approval of a plat for their property. The Planning Commission had discussed this plat at a previous meeting but had not formally recommended it for adoption by the Supervisors. The Supervisors approved the plat at their December 7, 2012 meeting. Nelson moved to recommend to the Supervisors the Wunderlich plat. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. 145th Ave – Mr. Mark Sand appeared to request approval to lower a hill on 145th Ave., which makes it difficult to navigate when under load. Neighbors were opposed to lowering the ridge too much and were concerned about possible erosion issues if the sides were sloped too steeply, but otherwise supported the need to do something. The Town will wait until receiving support for the proposal from Saint John's, but this meeting will alert the Supervisor's to the potential issue. The Town will not be responsible for the cost of any work. It was suggested that another strategy would be to haul in some fill.
3. Planning Commission Procedures – (a) Reappointing – the process for reappointing an existing member was reviewed. Merdan moved to recommend to the Supervisors a modified procedure that would streamline the process. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried. (b) Meeting Time – a proposal to move the meeting time to 7:00 PM was discussed. Advantages would be finishing earlier and having a similar schedule as the City and Colledgeville Township. Disadvantages cited were lack of uniformity of Town meeting times and the earlier time might make it difficult for farmers or others to arrive on time; (c) Reduce Membership – The Planning Commission sees no problem with reducing membership to three or four members, though if reduced to three, someone would still need to maintain minutes which would minimize any cost savings; and (d) PC Meetings on Demand – If the Planning Commission is designed to reduce Supervisor workload and provide advice, the Planning Commission should meet regularly. It was noted that when the City eliminated the

Planning Board at one point there was citizen backlash, so it was reinstated.

Other & Old Business: *none*

Announcements/Reports:

- *None*

Adjournment: Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 PM. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is March 27, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Chair

Date

Attest:

Date