

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

October 12, 2015

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arthur Brood
John Kane
Kathy Noel
Barbara Hampton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolyn Hall

Also present, Supervisor Moore, Tom Sibbald, Herman Calkins, Tim McLean, and Judy Wright.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brood called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

#1 MOVED: by Kathy Noel, second by Barbara Hampton, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Kathy Noel, second by John Kane to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015, meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

- Thanks for adjusting your schedules to accommodate the earlier meeting time tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan – The Rec Plan has been adopted by the Board. The Wellhead Protection Plan requires no updating. The Commission needs to follow up with the Regional Planning about anything that might affect the plan. Since road improvements are initiated at the Township level there is no need to contact the County Road Commission about their five year plan. The Township Supervisor will be contacted for input. Descriptions on the former “Future Land Use” maps need to be aligned with the Zoning Ordinance.

Downtown Development Authority – Trustee Noel reported that as a municipality, the Township can now apply for the same grants that were formerly only available to DDA's. These grants are of particular interest for improvements along M-80. More information will be available at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Used Vehicle Dealer License – Tom Sibbald, of Sibbald's Sales & Service, Inc., informed the Commission that he wanted to reinstate his used vehicle dealer's license to obtain vehicles for customers on an as requested basis. As there has been no change in the zoning on his property, the Commission saw no reason not to approve his request.

Substation Relocation – Tim McLean, of Cloverland Electric, asked if they would be able to build a new substation at property they are trying to purchase that is located east of the railroad tracks and north of the Township’s Carpenter Shop. In checking the zoning, the Commission found the area to be zoned Industrial. In this zone, utility facilities are a permitted use.

Clean-up of Burned Building – Zoning Administrator, Herman Calkins, told the Commission that he had spoken with the owners of the Jack Pine Bar about their plans for cleaning up the burned down structure. They could not offer any projected time for clean-up as they have not resolved their claim with their insurance company. The Dangerous Building Ordinance (#1.22) may provide an avenue for resolution. Mr. Calkins will pursue this option.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Hampton will have the FEMA flood plan map at the next meeting. A Blight Ordinance may need to be one of the projects for the upcoming year. A way to enforce the no vehicles regulations at Duke Lake is needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

John A. Kane, Secretary

Minutes taken & typed by Judy Wright