

Gerrish Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting March 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Vice Chair Michael Wansa.

Members present: Schaltz, Briggs, Wansa, Purtell and Link.

Members absent: Boyle and Case

Also Present: Jason Jansen and Eric Carlson (Lyon Twp)

Motion by Link, seconded by Briggs, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018.

No Agenda Changes

A reminder that the Planning Commission ID badges are still available to the board members at the County Clerk's office.

Mike Schaltz discussed the current changes of the Planning Commission Bylaws. The board reviewed the corrections and or deletions by each section.

Motion was made by Schaltz, seconded by Purtell to adopt revision 1 to the Planning Commission Bylaws as present and to authorize the acting Secretary to sign and distribute copies. Motion Carried

The available State Grant deadlines were discussed and the process of application, ideas, deadline, etc. Jamie Purtell volunteered to research more about the requirements and deadlines since the current year application timeline has already passed.

Discussion from Wasna regarding Mt. Pleasant water testing and water supply issues.

The board reviewed the Planning Commission Term Dates, Annual Report and Spreadsheets.

The Planning Commission Board Member term dates were talked about in regards to a certain number of terms expiring with in the same year of 2019. Mike Shaltz requested that at least one board member to get reappointed in 2018 to even out the term ending dates.

Motion was made by Schaltz, seconded by Purtell to approve the 2017 Annual Planning Commission Report as present and authorize the acting Secretary to sign and forward to the Township Board. Motion Carried

The Master Plan was discussed by the board including reviewing other township plans, having the County Controller review, modify existing plan or re-write it.

Jason Jansen will be providing the Planning Commission Board with updated Zoning Maps and also to include the Master Plan Zoning Map as well.

The board discussed the Rental Ordinance. Mike Wansa requested a draft copy be given to the Planning Commission Board for review.

Jamie Purtell reported the current real estate market conditions with the lower inventory of homes for sale and the continuing increase of buyers. Values are starting to increase with the change in the market.

Jason Jansen reported a summary of building activities in the Township. There has been a large increase in the number of building permits for new construction of homes, remodels and additions.

The board discussed attending the Planning & Zoning Training Workshop that will be conducted by South Branch Township. The interested members are to notify Clerk Patchin if they would like to attend.

Eric Carlson asked the Board for a general timeline of how the Septic Ordinance was developed and the steps it took to get to the current position.

Motion was made by Schaltz, seconded by Link, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried

Jamie Purtell, Board Member (For Norma Boyle, Secretary)