

Jonesfield Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes for October 08, 2019

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- Members present: M. Kenny, R. Bluemer, K. Nock
- Members absent: M. Keenan and J. Siler
- Pledge
- Vote to approve minutes from previous meeting – 07/09/19 with noted corrections.
 - M. Kenny – moved
 - K. Nock – support
 - Motion carried
- Additions to Agenda: None
- Public Comment: None
- Jim Gray’s Zoning Report and discussion
 - Sent out two letters previously
 - S. Meridian Rd – Following court day they were given 15 days to comply. Spouse was unaware of any notices. Defendant no longer in home. Spouse says she will comply.
 - M-46/Meridian Rd – Vehicles have been moved. Issue has been resolved.
 - Farm on Frost Rd/Steel Rd –Letter sent by Twp attorney granting 30 days to present either a demolition plan or permits to remodel. They intend to renovate house and barns.
 - Resident had contacted Saginaw Co. Road Commission requesting signs to be placed at Meridian Rd., N. of M-46 for truck drivers not to use jake breaks. Village resolved problems by a few traffic stops. Township will have Officer Shields monitor area, making sure that all trucks are following DOT guidelines. M. Kenny will also have discussions with drivers that come and go from their place of business.
 - Resident went to Township meeting with concerns of commercial truck traffic on the new section of Meridian Rd. south of M-46. It was suggested she attend Planning Commission Meeting. Resident did not come. It was determined to also monitor this section of road by law enforcement.
 - Noise complaint by a neighbor made due to motorcycles revving their engines and running on dirt courses around property at all hours. There is already a noise ordinance in place for this. Zoning Ordinance Chapter 11.111. Jim has already sent a letter to property owner. Have heard no other complaints.
 - J. Gray brought ordinances from Thomas Twp. and also Carrollton Twp. on shipping container use. He is also going to a seminar in October in which a section of the seminar discusses shipping containers. He will bring this information back to the commission. There will be further discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting once members have had an opportunity to review these ordinances, and hear from Jim Gray about the seminar.

- Discussion was had with Jim regarding the need for Section 404: Inventory of Non Conformities. There are 672 properties in the township that would have to be individually evaluated for non-conformities and then continually updated. It was discussed and decided by the commission to compile and keep updated a list of all variances that have been given. Each time a change is requested to property, the property file would be reviewed along with variance list, on each individual case.
- Planning Commission Terms are for 3 years
 - Siler and Kenny terms will be up in June 2020
 - Bluemer and Keenan terms will be up in June 2021
 - Secretary position is in place determined by Township Office elections
- Dates for 2020 Regular Planning Commission Meetings
 - 1/14/20, 4/14/20, 7/14/20, 10/13/20
 - Motion by M. Kenny to accept these dates
 - Support by R. Bluemer
 - Motion carries
- Update on wind energy.
 - DTE intends to join the January 14, 2020 meeting to discuss with planning commission what the process will be in coming to agreement with special use permits.
 - Should begin seeing special use permits coming by the April 14, 2020 meeting.
 - DTE would plan to have turbines operational in 2021
- Master Plan – review must be complete by the end of 2020. Each planning commission will review their own Master Plan. Then, village and township planning commissions will meet together for final reviews
- Amy Grundas would like to run her real estate business out of their Camper’s Choice office on M-46. The commission saw no issues with that.
- The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on December 4, 2019 at 6:00pm
 - Completing Chapter 4 of Zoning Ordinance
 - Review Master Plan
- Public Comment:
 - L. Tibbits spoke for J. Siler about a neighbor who is using pallets stacked 10’ high as part of fencing. He would like for commission members to ride by and view.
- Motion to adjourn by M. Kenny
 - Support by K. Nock
 - Passed – meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
- Next meeting is Dec. 4th, 2019 at 6:00pm.