

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting , Unapproved Minutes

June 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm

Members Present     **Bob Davis, Wendy Faber, Nicole Kelly, Diane Vaughan, Brian Hawkins**

Minutes were read from the April 7, 2021 meeting. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes and Brian seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Inquiries have been made regarding using shipping containers as dwellings. Would have to meet building codes for electrical, plumbing, etc.

Shipping containers being used as temporary storage buildings would fall under existing ordinance Accessory Structures limits.

Discussion regarding changing setbacks in Township so that variances are not needed as often. In the past some variances were given verbally by Township Supervisors. Now when resident wants a variance what is the reason for turning down, when granted in the past.

Wendy presented forms from other townships that list site development requirements in an easy to read table. All members agreed this type of table would be helpful.

Change Commercial Zoning on Master plan to include Kenny Bradfield's property where variance was given.

Planning Training-Nicole to get membership number for MTA. Will set up date and time for all members to watch video class. Planning and Zoning 101-beginners class. Around \$125.00.

New Business: Marijuana and recreational use law limits and township stance. This was on agenda. We did not discuss.

Variance cost has increased to \$350.00 per request.

Members voted Nicole Kelley as Chairperson and Wendy Faber as Deputy Chairperson. Diane Vaughan will remain as Secretary. Roll call vote taken, Bob Davis-yes, Wendy Faber-yes, Diane Vaughan-yes, Nicole Kelley-yes, Brian Hawkins-yes.

Wendy asked about extending Commercial Zone all the way up in the township east of M-30. Bob and Diane could not recall why this was not done in the past. (Note property is Agricultural now)

Diane will contact Rodney Nanney regarding question why amendments to Ordinance cannot be added into the ordinance. Wendy noted that residents may go to Ordinance section and miss amendments in the back. Also question why noise and blight ordinances are not part of the main Zoning Ordinance.

Wendy made binders for members with all information in one place.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021