

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Peg Minster declared the meeting open at 7:05 P.M. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: JPC members Shelley Greene, Peg Minster, Irene Dunham Thayer, Sally Bobek, Don Suchocki, Chris Bobek, Debra Franke, Eugene Allen and Mike Foust; and Zoning Administrator Craig Meredith. Absent: Sue Meredith, Pat Shaeffer and Craig Meredith (all excused).

Citizen Matters

- Public comment: none.

- Advertised public hearings: none.

- Persons requested by the Commission to attend the meeting:

Bruce Standfest, COLI Communications, attended in response to requested information related to his zoning permit application to install wireless communications equipment. AT&T permission to remove equipment was not presented; discussion and explanation followed. Gene said it now was not necessary based on the Village contract with AT&T. Motion by Sally, Don seconded to approve COLI Communications zoning permit without conditions to install wireless equipment. Ayes: all; motion carried. Removal of equipment is covered by contract with the Village.

Agenda Additions/Corrections. Motion by Sally, Irene seconded to approve agenda with addition of Lindy Road property under New Business. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Sally, Irene seconded to approve the September 1 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried. Motion by Debra, Don seconded to approve the September 22 special meeting minutes with change of time from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Lindy Road Special Land Use Permit. No discussion.

B. Amend Commercial Zoning/Signs/Master Plan Review. Discuss amendment of Article for signs at November meeting.

C. Betsie River Campground. Sale of property did not materialize; issue closed.

D. Mobile Home Replacement Amendment. Tabled.

E. Capital Improvements Plan. New committee formed with Peg, Debra and Sally.

F. Community Action Report. Nothing to report.

G. Zoning Administrator Report. Written report provided.

H. Village/Township Reports. Debra reported new street signs are being put up in the Village; ambulance has been busy; test well has been drilled; fire department has been busy; she said the road Craig asked about is staying in the Village; Dennis Smith is president pro tem. Sally reported for Weldon that a community garden was approved for next year; Crystal Mountain residents were confused about township/Village boundary for blight; guard rail on Lindy Road was discussed; Chris Bobek was appointed to the JPC to fill a vacancy; a board member made a motion to withdraw from the JPC. Shelley said Colfax discussed a community garden similar to Weldon but does not have any suitable land; a drop box is being considered for tax payments; and a Karlin Road blight complaint is being handled with the property owner as well as the township attorney

I. Budget/Compensation Authorization. Shelley passed out bills including a \$1,177.98 LandPlan invoice and the compensation authorization for review. She reported a September 9 balance of \$8,197.15. Motion by Sally, Don seconded to approve the comp authorization and pay bills as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

New Business.

A. Ordinance Administration and Enforcement. Peg led brief review of Section 3 of the ordinance to address recent questions. Tabled at Don's suggestion until November when Sue and Craig are present.

B. State Requirements for Vehicles. Peg suggested research then discuss in November. Debra couldn't find anything on it. Ron Evitts said the three entities are discussing working together on blight. Carrie Aldrich provided copies of Weldon's past ordinance stating, in part, that five operative and currently licensed passenger automobiles and/or not more than one unoccupied recreational vehicle owned by the building's occupant were permitted.

C. Outdoor Commercial Recreational Facilities. Bring ideas to the November meeting for ordinance amendment.

D. 2017-2018 Budget. Shelley reviewed timing for the proposed budget. It needs to be finalized at the January meeting for the annual report due that month to the entities. A committee will be formed.

E. Post Box Renewal. Paid and submitted on expense report.

F. Lindy Road Complaint. Shelley said a complaint will be filed by a Nessen City property owner concerning an auto repair business at a residence and other violations.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Adjournment. Motion by Irene, Debra seconded to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene

Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting