

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville  
Community Joint Planning Commission  
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
Corrected Minutes – May 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

Sue Meredith declared the meeting open at 7:07 P.M. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: JPC members Shelley Greene, Peg Minster, ~~Irene Dunham Thayer~~, Sue Meredith, Chris Jones, Don Suchocki, Debra Franke, Pat Shaeffer and Eugene Allen; Zoning Administrator Craig Meredith. **Add:** Absent: Irene Dunham Thayer (unexcused).

Guests: Sally Bobek and Mike Foust.

Agenda Additions/Corrections. Motion by Don, Pat seconded to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Debra, seconded by Pat to approve the April 7 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried. Motion by Debra, seconded by Peggy to approve the April 28 special meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Casey Special Use Permit. Craig Meredith spoke with Sam Johnson of the ATF about the permit; Shelley to contact Dave Casey for original application.

B. Campground. Craig said Mr. Childs is preparing the packets and said projects like this can sometimes take many months.

C. Anderson Property. It was agreed to await Mark Eidelson's opinion.

D. Mobile Home Replacement Amendment. Tabled.

E. Blighted Properties. No action at this time by the JPC.

F. Eugene Allen Position. Gene will continue to serve as a member of the JPC; there is no legal conflict as Sue reported in April.

G. Capital Improvements Plan. Data was distributed. Committee will meet to work on preparing a master document. Peggy suggested adding the final version to Colfax's website. Craig reported that at the last Road Commission meeting it was not known if there would be funding for Black Bridge but they keep trying.

H. Community Action Report. Peggy prepared and reviewed a summary of the Sarah Lucas housing presentation. Numerous options were discussed that could be explored including future speakers on property development. Don expressed concern on what the area offers and asked if it would be better to focus on industry and jobs. Revisit to set date/time when speakers are available.

I. Zoning Administrator Report. Craig provided oral and written reports.

J. Village/Township Reports. Debra reported the Village plans music in the park on Mondays; the Coast Guard is reducing coverage to summer season; Pat Shaeffer was appointed to Council replacing Eugene Allen who became President; fire gear has been ordered; and a blight ordinance is being developed. Sue reported a security system has been installed and a logo contest is underway for the township. Shelley said Colfax covered routine business at its April meeting.

K. Budget/Compensation Authorization. Motion by Shelley, Peggy seconded to approve the comp authorization as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

New Business.

A. Chickens in R-3. Shelley received a call from property owner Bissell on Plymouth who wished to raise chickens. She informed Mrs. Bissell the zoning ordinance did not appear to permit the use but would present the request for review. The JPC reviewed the ordinance and agreed the high density R-3 district did not permit chickens. Shelley will notify Mrs. Bissell.

B. Cleanup Days. Eugene will arrange for distribution of flyers in the Village that Sue will prepare. Debra will again review and coordinate incoming requests for assistance. Cleanup is May 21 for Weldon and June 11 for Colfax.

C. Planning & Zoning News. Shelley only recently noticed on the form that debit and credit cards are not accepted, only checks, and will request a check for \$360 for 13 subscriptions.

Correspondence. None.

Public Input. Craig spoke of shooting activity he felt was in excess of occasional plinking and was granted permission to send a letter to property owner Casey addressing the activity.

Adjournment. Motion by Peggy, Pat seconded to adjourn at 9:21P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene

Secretary

*Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting*