

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – July 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

Sue Meredith declared the meeting open at 7:02 P.M. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Debra, Pat seconded to approve the June 6 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Betsie River Campground. No update received from current/future owners.

B. Anderson Property. A special meeting was scheduled with Mark Eidelson for 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 22 at the Weldon Township hall to discuss options on rezoning commercial property and other topics.

C. Mobile Home Replacement Amendment. Tabled.

D. Blighted Properties. A two-pronged approach by the JPC and township will be taken concerning vehicles and junk at the Stevens Lindy Road property.

E. Capital Improvements Plan. Committee to reschedule a master document work session.

F. Community Action Report. Tabled.

G. Cleanup Days. Shelley reported the Colfax cleanup went well. Garbage trucks lined up on Industrial Park Drive instead of Gallagher Road and it worked well for traffic flow. Debra reported on assistance provided to residents.

H. Fee Schedule Amendment. The fee schedule covers Permanent Foundation, Site Condo and Subdivision signs but not other types requiring a zoning permit. It was agreed to recommend to the legislative bodies the addition of a sign fee and have the Zoning Administrator issue a zoning permit if all standards are met. Motion by Shelley, Debra seconded to take a recommendation to Village Council and township boards to add a \$40 fee to the schedule for signs not part of a site plan review. Ayes: all; motion carried.

I. Zoning Administrator Report. Craig provided oral and written reports. Discussed open issues not in written report: Milnichol trailer, Lindy Road dwelling at east Village limit and Gunn Road accessory structures. Sue directed Craig to send a letter to Brian Bury of the DNR concerning the Gunn Road property.

J. Village/Township Reports. Debra reported there is a millage proposal for new ambulance equipment; a zero turn mower was purchased; a contract was signed for a new well and new water mains on Second and Third with the new well being the number one project. Sue reported an insurance rep met with the board about risk issues and offered suggestions on the Day Use Park; the logo contest continues and the cemetery is being cleaned up. Shelley reported the Sheriff's contract was tabled; cleanup day was discussed; a blight complaint will be turned over to the attorney and a newsletter will be included with tax bills.

K. Budget/Compensation Authorization. Sue passed out documents for review. Motion by Debra, Don seconded to approve the comp authorization and pay bills as presented. Ayes: all; motion carried.

New Business.

A. Joyfield Township Request. Shelley presented a request for a Word document of Sections 8.25 (Wind Energy) and 8.26 (Wireless Communications Facilities) of the Joint Zoning Ordinance for use in developing Joyfield's zoning ordinance. Discussion. Motion by Shelley, Chris seconded to recommend the legislative bodies grant permission to share Sections 8.25 and 8.26 with Joyfield Township. Ayes: all; motion carried. If approved by all three bodies, Shelley is to email Betsy Evans a document with the requested sections.

B. Dave Casey Application. Shelley obtained the original application and will give it to Craig for issuance of a zoning permit.

Correspondence. Email from Betsy Evans, Joyfield Township Planning Commission Chair.

Public Input. None.

Additional Discussion. Don is a member of a group and shared their ideas on a single track trail for motorcycles. The JPC supported the concept.

Adjournment. Motion by Debra, Irene seconded to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting