

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

Peg Minster opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: Commissioners Peg Minster, Shelley Greene, Irene Dunham Thayer, Don Suchocki, Sally Bobek, Chris Bobek, Debra Franke and Zoning Administrator Craig Meredith. Absent: Eugene Allen and Gene Houghton (excused).

Guest: Carrie Aldrich

Agenda Additions/Corrections: Peg adds website checklist for zoning applications under New Business. Motion/second by Irene/Debra to accept the agenda with addition to New Business; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second by Irene/Debra to approve the June regular minutes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

New Business

A. Secretary: Discussion; keep as is at this time.

B. Attorney: Peg contacted Dick Figura for legal counsel recommendations per his letter. He provided two suggestions. She will call Ward Kuhn who currently represents Colfax and the Village.

C. Zoning Amendments: Discussed and agreed to Mark Eidelson's suggested deletions and additions to the three Sign items questioned by the county planning commission [Sec. 10.3(E)(3) and (4) and Table 10.4-1, subsection (4)]. Majority opinion was the JPC needs to keep moving forward and finalize the proposed amendments. If voting yes, the adoption process must be followed by the three entities according to Mr. Eidelson's instructions and not simply pass a motion on the JPC's recommendation.

D. Site Plan Review Policy: Sample policies were distributed. Debra will set up a work session.

E. Zoning Administrator Report: Written and oral reports were provided. A violation notice has been issued for an accessory structure without a dwelling on the private road off King/Pioneer Roads. Craig was directed to issue a citation for the east Village limit property that has been issued violation notices in the past.

F. Village/Township Reports: Oral reports were provided by representatives.

G. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: June expenses were reviewed; account balance was \$8,276.57. Audit expense document and Craig's expenses were reviewed. Motion/second by Sally/Irene to pay bills totaling \$917.38 and approve comp authorization. Roll call: Debra Franke, Don Suchocki, Sally Bobek, Chris Bobek, Irene Dunham Thayer, Shelley Greene, Peg Minster – aye; nay – none; motion carried.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Planning Goals in Master Plan: Peg suggested delay of this item in light of Weldon's position. Shelley did not feel it needed review at this meeting but that the JPC should look at the Action Plan for items that could be implemented citing earlier discussion on the need to move forward. Review in September if time permits considering the Advocates for Benzie County presentations will require 45-60 minutes.

B. Website Checklist for Zoning Applications: Peg asked for thoughts on adding a checklist to Colfax's website to help applicants with the process based on the work group's outcome. Craig will share a checklist he provides applicants.

Correspondence: Letter from Weldon Township with its resolution on intent to withdraw from the JPC.

Public Comment: Chris felt keeping things the same between entities with the JPC is a good thing for the community and has always spoken in favor of it.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Sally/Irene to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

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