

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – March 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairperson Debra Franke opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at roll call: Commissioners Irene Dunham Thayer, Shelley Greene, Audrey Swisher, Debra Franke, Eugene Allen. Absent: Devonia Dyer (excused), Don Suchocki, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek.

Agenda Additions/Corrections: Motion/second by Irene/Gene to accept agenda as presented; motion carried.

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

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Fred Knoll Project: Mr. Knoll submitted an application to amend the zoning ordinance text to add treehouse cabins under Section 8.4 Private Campgrounds. A public hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2019. Notice will be published in the Record Patriot.

B. Weldon Withdrawal: Debra and Shelley will speak with Mr. Kuhn in response to his email.

C. Zoning Administrator: Irene contacted Jason Barnard who will consider the position.

D. Zoning Administrator Report: Check was submitted for deposit that was attached to an Advocates of Benzie County application. A \$140 check was attached to Mr. Fedewa's application but did not indicate use desired and it appears no zoning permit was issued. Shelley received a call from Sandy Griffin asking what could be done with a 16' by 20' building on one acre. General information was provided on dwellings and accessory structures as well as nonconforming structures. Shelley explained an application would be required with a plot plan of what was desired in order to conduct a review for a zoning permit.

E. Insurance Renewal: Shelley spoke with Dustin Moore about renewal and questioned the targeted premium. Awaiting premium after submitting required documents.

F. Budget FY2019-2020: Shelley presented a revised projected budget. Meetings were reduced to six for the fiscal year, compensation for clerk and treasurer and audit expense were added and insurance was reduced. Need to purchase software for JPC computer. JPC updates on Colfax's website will be expensed to publications. Shelley said the Colfax board agreed at its budget workshop with 65% as its share of the budget.

G. Village and Township Reports: No reports. They were given at the February JPC meeting.

E. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: Per diem compensation was presented for approval. Motion/second by Shelley/Irene to pay as presented; motion carried.

New Business

A. Terms of Office: Positions held by Audrey and Gene are set to expire March 31 and need to be renewed.

B. Meeting Schedule, Attorney, Paper of Record: Meetings for the next fiscal year were set at April 4, May 10, August 1, October 3 December 5 and February 6. If a property owner has an issue requiring the JPC to meet, the special meeting fee in the fee schedule would apply. The firm of Kuhn Rogers PLC was agreed to as legal counsel and the Record Patriot will be the paper of record.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Irene/Devonia to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting