

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – May 10, 2019 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Chairperson Debra Franke opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at roll call: Commissioners Irene Dunham Thayer, Shelley Greene, Audrey Swisher, Eugene Allen, Debra Franke. Absent: Devonia Dyer (excused), Don Suchocki, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek. Guests: Deborah Ranville, Tim Ranville, Lisa Leedy, Marvin Radtke.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second by Audrey/Irene to approve the April minutes; motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Fred Knoll Project: Need to have the legislative bodies adopt the amendment language at a future meeting. Discussed adoption by legislative bodies and the effective date as it relates to when it is published plus the situation with Weldon. A special meeting may be necessary.

B. Weldon Withdrawal: Debra read letter from Tim Figura regarding JPC's use of Weldon name on documents and also addressed joint funds.

C. Zoning Administrator: Jason Barnard has not contacted Debra. Shelley provided copies of the ZA agreement; certain language in it would not apply to her. She was willing to continue until a replacement is in place but with compensation as in the agreement and without the "interim" title. Gene moved, Irene seconded that Shelley be appointed zoning administrator effective May 10, 2019 at 7:32 PM; all ayes, motion carried. Debra will call Jason; Irene said he was interested in our number of permits per year.

D. Insurance Renewal: Shelley had lengthy conversation with the new agent. She requested answers to several questions.

E. Zoning Administrator Report: A written report was provided and discussed. Shelley asked how the board wished to handle the Lindsay matter if the violation still existed. Direction was to start fresh.

F. Village and Township Reports: Lisa Leedy, Executive Director of Alliance for Economic Success, gave detailed background on grants. She applied for and received approval for a \$10,000 art grant which will be put toward a mural on the white building. Completion deadline is September 30. A second \$10,000 grant has been submitted for the next round. Ms. Leedy found another grant opportunity through the EPA for technical planning assistance. It is for recreation which includes walking and she felt they could assist with streetscaping. Due date is May 31 and she looked to the JPC for a letter of recommendation and connect it to recreation since we meet all the criteria. The JPC could then apply for additional grants. Shelley moved, seconded by Irene to apply an EPA Smart Growth Grant of 2019; all ayes, motion carried. Lisa also shared information on compensation for cleanup following a fire; municipalities need to adopt a resolution.

Gene said an ad was placed for a Village blight enforcement officer. Irene shared info for a June 13 community dialogue on blight at the commissioners' room. DEQ requirements for water line inspection including 18" into the house will be an additional expense. Matching grant was approved to repave Third and crack seal CR669. Shelley reported work continues at the campground with Tom Besey using cement in between fire rings to prevent theft, and Eagle Scouts are assisting with other projects. Ad placed for a sexton. Bids are needed on capital improvement projects. Cleanup day is June 8 from 8-12 noon. County received scrap tire grant.

G. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: Bills were presented for approval of \$67.10 to Pioneer for public hearing which will be Fred Knoll's expense, \$194.63 to Shelley for zoning administration plus per diem compensation. Motion/second by Irene/Gene to pay as presented; motion carried. A \$48.10 ParPlan dividend was received.

New Business

A. Training: A fundamentals class is scheduled for June 6; cost is \$40. Audrey, Devonia and Ed should attend if possible. Shelley and Debra plan to attend the blight dialogue June 13.

B. Diamond Crossing Sign: Chuck Krause is organizing the effort. Discussion. Shelley suggested a permit to document the sign.

C. Village Setbacks: Debra drove the streets to be certain what to consider for amendment. Debra moved and Irene seconded to go from a setback of 20' to 15' on Thompson Avenue from Fourth Street to Second Street. Shelley to initiate a petition.

Correspondence: Letters from Tim Figura and Ward Kuhn.

Public Comment: Tim Ranville requested a six-month waiver to November 15 to allow him to place his RV and 8' x 12' enclosed trailer on the property where he and his wife are building a house and offered compensation if needed. The RV is self-contained and he will properly manage the waste. Discussion. The board was in agreement to grant the request, and Shelley is to make a notation of the decision on the zoning permit.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Irene/Gene to adjourn at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting