

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 49683
Minutes – August 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairperson Debra Franke opened the meeting at 7:20 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, Don Suchocki, Chris Bobek, Sally Bobek.
Guests: Hope Clifton, Fred Knoll

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business and Reports

A. Fred Knoll Project: Mr. Knoll's application process was reviewed. Copies need to be provided to certain county offices as well as emergency services. Mr. Knoll has had discussion with the Health Department; no issues there. The Road Commission needed an insurance statement that Mr. Knoll had coverage to make improvements in the driveway area and about 300 feet beyond mostly involving small tree removal. A public hearing/special meeting was set for August 29 at 7:00 P.M. Debra suggested asking the Fire Department at next Council meeting to visit the property. Mr. Knoll reviewed the site plan detail. The proposed ordinance amendment to Private Campgrounds was adopted by the legislative bodies and published.

B. Weldon Withdrawal: Debra summarized a meeting between herself, Shelley and Ward Kuhn.

C. Zoning Administrator: Debra has not heard from the potential candidate. Continue to look for someone.

D. Insurance Renewal: Shelley received an email from the agent but the content was not clear. She needs to have it explained in a call.

E. Zoning Administrator Report: Oral and written reports were provided. A property owner asked if shrubs on a property line were allowed; Shelley informed her plants are not subject to zoning. A plot plan with a dwelling application showed a pole barn; a permit was issued for it a couple years and the property was vacant. Neither the return receipt nor the letter regarding the Knight property has appeared in the post box; need to investigate. Photos taken of Lindsay property vanished from Shelley's phone; need to revisit. 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: Debra provided a Village update including Third Street paving and white building mural. Gene said the DEQ requirements regarding water are complicated and costly. Shelley reported on township business; new drainfield is needed.

G. Budget Review/Compensation Authorization: Bills and compensation authorization were presented for approval. Motion/second by Irene/Audrey Gene to pay as presented; motion carried.

H. Setback Amendment: Gene moved, seconded by Irene to accept text amendment language to reduce the front setback by five feet in R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts on Thompson Avenue between Second and Fourth Streets; motion carried.

New Business

A. Diamond Crossing Sign: Application has been filled out which involves a lengthy process.

B. Grants: Examples on ideas for the mural were reviewed. Debra talked about the process involved. No update was available on the EPA grant.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion/second by Gene/Shelley to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting