

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

8-9-16

1. At 7:00 pm Chairman Mark Leathead called the meeting to order.
2. Jim VanderVeen offered the invocation.
3. Roll call: Present; Mark Leathead, Jim VanderVeen, Rick Lamer, Paul Potter, Paul Blauwkamp & Ron Wind. Absent without notice; Jeff DeWind.
4. Attendees:
 - Kurt Gernaat, Zoning Administrator & Fire Chief
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion by Paul Potter, supported by Paul Blouwkamp to approve the agenda with the deletion of 9b.
 - Motion carried.
6. Approval of the minutes of the June 7th, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
 - Motion by Jim VanderVeen, supported by Ron Wind to approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2016 planning commission meeting.
 - Motion carried.
7. Opportunity for public comment – Mike Buitendorp addressed the board regarding asking the board to consider changing the township zoning ordinance to allow for rentals to be allowed in a personal residence.
8. New Business –
 - a. Public Hearing – Re-zone request for Terrill Brinks
 - Chairman Leathead asked the petitioner if he had anything to add
 - Chairman Leathead opened the public hearing
 - No comments from the public were heard
 - Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing
 - Commissioners deliberated on the subject
 - Motion was made by Jim VanderVeen, and supported by Rick Lamer to recommend to the township board that the re-zone request for parcel #70-13-35-100-019 from AG to R1, be granted. As it follows the Master plan and meets all other requirements of the township zoning ordinance.
 - Motion Carried

b. Public Hearing – Amendment to the Blendon Township zoning ordinance regarding child and adult care facilities

- Chairman Leathead opened the public hearing
- Comments from the public were heard
 1. Lisa Peppers 6575 Bingham informed the commissioners of her opinion on the matter. She is in favor of the proposed changes.
 2. Mike Buitendorp 8588 Taylor also spoke in favor of the proposed changes.
- Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing
- Commissioners deliberated on the subject
- Motion was made by Paul Potter, and supported by Jim VanderVeen to recommend to the township board that they adopt the zoning amendments as given with the addition of wording stating that all facilities must also adhere to all State and Federal rules pertaining to care facilities.
Motion Carried

9. Old Business –

- a. Home based business ordinance – A very rough draft was presented for the commissioners to review. The commissioners had good discussion regarding the proposed ordinance and suggested that maybe we do a work session in the future with some current Blendon township business owners
- b. Master Plan – eliminated from the agenda at the time of approval of the agenda.
- c. Review of current bonds

10. Correspondence – nothing

11. Upcoming events

- a. Township Board Meeting – June 16th, 2016
- b. Planning Commission Meeting – July 5th, 2016

Adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Recorded by Kurt Gernaat
Submitted by Jim VanderVeen, Secretary