

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

2-6-18

1. At 7:00 pm Chairman Mark Leathead called the meeting to order.
2. Ron Wind offered the invocation.
3. Roll call: Present; Mark Leathead, Jim VanderVeen, Terry Huberts, Jeff VanEck, Rick Lamer & Ron Wind. Absent without Notice: Jeff DeWind
4. Attendees:
 - Andrew Moore, Planning Consultant
 - Kurt Gernaat, Zoning Administrator & Fire Chief
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion by Ron Wind, supported by Jeff VanEck to approve the agenda with the addition of: Communication of meeting with Georgetown Township regarding extension of public water to be added under item 10 - correspondence.
 - Motion carried - Unanimous
6. Approval of the minutes of the January, Planning Commission meeting with one minor correction to item 8 (11) should read "Private Road" not "Private Drive".
 - Motion by Jim VanderVeen, supported by Rick Lamer to approve the minutes from the January 2nd, 2018 planning commission meeting with above noted change.
 - Motion carried - Unanimous
7. Opportunity for public comment – No comments from the public were heard
8. New Business
 - a. Request by Ken Kamps to rezone Parcel #70-13-26-400-023 from AG- Agricultural Preservation to R-1 Low Density Residential
 - Kurt Gernaat read the public notice
 - Chairman Leathead opened the Public Hearing
 - No comments were heard on the matter
 - Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing.
 - Planning Commissioners deliberated.
 - Motion by Ron Wind, supported by Rick Lamer to recommend to the township board that they approve Mr. Kamps rezone request.

- Motion carried - unanimous
- b. Public Hearing for the updated Master Plan
 - Andrew Moore gave a brief synopsis on the draft of the Master plan
 - Kurt Gernaat read the public notice
 - Chairman Leathead opened the public hearing
 - No comments were heard on the matter
 - Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing.
 - Planning Commissioners deliberated.
 - Motion by Rick Lamer, supported by Terry Huberts to recommend that the township board review and approve the Master Plan with a minor change regarding who the current board members are on page 3.
 - Roll Call vote was taken and all voted in favor
 - Motion carried
- c. New Meeting Schedule
 - Motion by Rick Lamer supported by Jim VanderVeen to approve the meeting schedule as presented.
 - Motion carried - unanimous

9. Old Business –

- a. Ordinance amendment to create a new Agricultural Support Services SLU.
 - Kurt Gernaat read the public notice
 - Andrew Moore presented the language for the ordinance amendment
 - Chairman Leathead opened the public hearing on the document
 - No comments were heard on the matter
 - Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing
 - Motion by Terry Huberts, supported by Rick Lamer to recommend that the township board adopt the proposed changes
 - Roll call vote with all voting in favor
 - Motion carried.
- b. Swimming Pool Enclosures
 - Andrew Moore presented the language for the ordinance amendment
 - Kurt Gernaat read the public notice
 - Chairman Leathead opened the public hearing on the document
 - No comments were heard on the matter
 - Chairman Leathead closed the public hearing
 - Motion by Jeff VanEck, supported by Rick Lamer to recommend that the township board adopt the proposed changes

- Roll Call vote was taken and it was a 3-3 tie with Lamer, Leathead, & VanEck voting in favor of it and Huberts, Wind, and VanderVeen voting against.
- Motion by Jim VanderVeen supported by Rick Lamer to table the item until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Review of current bonds

10. Correspondence – Jim VanderVeen shared with the commissioners the content of the meeting that he and Zoning Administrator Kurt Gernaat held with Georgetown Township’s township manager in regards to the possibility of future municipal waterline extensions further into Blendon Township.

11. Upcoming events

- a. Township Board Meeting – February 15th, 2018
- b. Planning Commission Meeting – March 6th, 2018

Adjourned at 7:54 pm

Recorded by Kurt Gernaat

Submitted by Terry Huberts, Secretary