

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

November 30, 2011
Avon Township Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Mergen called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Lowell Rushmeyer, and Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda: Added to the minutes were a discussion of an upcoming request concerning the Schwalbe farm, property tax changes, and a tree report. Nelson moved to approve the amended agenda. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: A few minor changes were suggested to the minutes of the previous meeting. Rushmeyer moved to approve the amended minutes of the October 26, 2011 meeting. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: *none scheduled*

Business:

1. **Schwalbe Farm** – Supervisor LeRoy Gondringer alerted the Planning Commission that the Schwalbe's are planning to construct a new barn and install robotic milking equipment. Because the barn will be too close to water, they will require a Conditional Use Permit from the County. The Town will also need to approve the project at some point.
2. **Property Tax Changes** – Gondringer reported that the Legislature removed the Homestead property tax credit. At the same time, they also reduced the property value of homes, which is reflected on the recent tax statement. Thus, the tax paid by a single-family home on two acres or less should remain approximately the same. However, larger parcels like farms, and businesses will pay higher property taxes. This will be an item of business at the Annual Meeting in March so that residents realize that the Town is not responsible for any increase in property tax.
3. **Tree Report** – Nelson reported that brushing has been completed for the season and that Luke Johnson chipped the last of it this past weekend. Nelson will plot on a map and indicate in the Town Road Database the roads that were brushed.
4. **Town Equipment Priorities** – Gondringer indicated that the Town doesn't have a priority listing of needed items (*i.e.*, pickup with plow, chipper), which would help determine whether to purchase a chipper or other equipment.
5. **Building Issues** – The toilet is still running and the bulletin board has not yet been installed. Saupe will follow up with Steve Plantenberg, RA Morton Construction Managers.

6. **Keys** – The Avon Girls Scouts returned the building key they had and will now pick it up from either Dolores Pilarski (the custodian), Clerk Saupe, or Deputy Clerk M. Gondringer. Kremers reported that the City is now requiring a deposit of \$100 for a key.

Announcements:

1. **Joint Powers Board** – Rushmeyer reported that there has been no action by the Joint Powers Board.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is December 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Minutes amended & approved:

Ken Mergen, Chair

Date

Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Date