

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

September 27, 2017

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gondringer called to order the regular meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission at 7:30 PM in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

**Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present – LeRoy Gondringer, Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, and Stephen Saupe.

**Approval of Agenda:** Several items were added to the agenda. Mergen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Mergen moved to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2017 meeting as presented. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearings:** *none*

## **Scheduled Business:**

1. **Local Road Improvement Grant** – The Town will apply for funding for resurfacing Norway Road. This road would serve as an emergency alternative route in the event that Co Rd 159 is not available. No new right-of-way needs to be purchased. The road would be widened and sharp curves removed. Saupe will follow up to find the previous proposal to use as a basis for this one.
2. **Blattner Project** – Blattner's are expanding their operations. They plan to construct a roughly 50,000 square foot maintenance facility. The site is zoned Commercial. The County held a public hearing because the project is in the lakeshore district. The permit for site preparation was approved. The County will also hold a public hearing on September 28<sup>th</sup> to consider a request for a variance to have 48% impervious surfaces (vs. 25%) and to build the facility 45 feet high (vs. 30 feet). If granted they will return to the County for permit for a CUP for a maintenance facility in a Commercial zoned district.
3. **Service Animals** – there was a concern that service animals could be shot by Town residents if they escaped from their owners. The Sheriff should be alerted in this event.
4. **Wish Lists** – dais, tractor, and, gutters especially directing water into the rain garden
5. **Road Work** – suggested roadwork included removing overhanging tree limbs on Parkwood Circle that could damage trucks.
6. **Bike Races** – suggested as a topic for a Joint Powers Meeting.
7. **Meeting Time** – There was a suggestion to the move the Planning Commission meeting to 7:00 PM. was made. No decision was made.
8. **Elections** – The County will be replacing election equipment for the 2018 election. The County prefers Town elections be held in March. The Planning Commission generally agreed that the elections should remain in March. The advantages are that the election would be held prior to the

Annual Meeting and that those voting would be making informed choices about the candidates. Disadvantages are that it would require a reorganization of terms and that relatively few people voting in November would know the candidates.

- 9. **Enterprise** – suggested topics include alerting Town officials if brush needs to be trimmed, noxious weed control, the new solar garden, coming together as a community during emergencies, and snow and plowing regulations.

**Other & Old Business:** none

**Announcements/Reports:**

- 1. none

**Adjournment:** Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is October 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen G. Saupe Clerk

Clerk signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval:**

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Planning Commission Chair – signature

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