

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

October 25, 2017

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Kremers 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 – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, and Stephen Saupe. Absent – LeRoy Gondringer

Approval of Agenda: Mergen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Saupe second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Mergen moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting as presented. Saupe second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none*

Scheduled Business:

1. **Bullert Preliminary Plat** – Dan Bullert appeared to request approval of a preliminary plat for his property on Two Rivers Road. The Bullert's went through the rezoning process and are now working with O'Malley & Kron (Cold Spring) on the plat. They platted three additional lots (1.49, 1.43 & 26 acres) on the property, each with individual driveway accesses to Two Rivers Road. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors approval of the plat concept presented by Mr. Dan Bullert recommending that the properties share a single driveway to minimize access points to Two Rivers Road, contingent on it following all pertinent Stearns County rules and regulations, and that the option of a public hearing is considered if the Supervisors think it is necessary. Saupe second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **PC Membership** – there is still an opening on the Planning Commission. The advertising we have done has not worked in securing any applications. Supervisors should consider recruiting potential candidates to encourage application. Among the possibilities include Ray Schmitz, Dean Martini, and Lisa Baker.
3. **Enterprise** – suggested topics included the history of local businesses (i.e., salad dressing company) and snow plowing.
4. **Logo** – the main idea suggested for a Township logo was to use a drawing of the Town Hall.
5. **Money Saving Ideas** – no practical ideas for saving tax dollars were identified.
6. **Roadwork** – overhanging trees on Parkwood Circle still need to be trimmed.

Other & Old Business: *none*

Announcements/Reports:

1. The Supervisors were favorable to moving the meeting times for both the Planning Commission and Supervisors to 7:00 PM. They will vote on this at the November meeting.
2. There was no update on the Blattner project.
3. Holdingford School District 738 will hold a Special Election on November 7, 2017 (7 AM – 8 PM). Voting will occur in Holdingford, not the Avon Township Town Hall.
4. A letter was received from GPI – Ecology Democracy Network lobbying the Town for support of bills in the legislature.
5. Work on County Ditch 25 will begin winter 2017.
6. There will be a Stearns County public hearing to consider Ordinance 546 (new land use – limited rural manufacturing).
7. A natural gas rate hike of about 5.4% was approved for CenterPoint Energy.

Adjournment: Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Saupe second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is November 29, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe Clerk

Clerk signature: _____ date: _____

Approval:

_____ date: _____
Planning Commission Chair – signature

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