

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

December 30, 2015

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: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement of Recording: The Clerk announced the meeting was going to be recorded and turned on the recorder.

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

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

Minutes: One typographic correction was made to the minutes. Huston moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2015 meeting as corrected. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none scheduled*

Scheduled Business:

1. **Solar Garden Project Update** – A resident contacted the Clerk inquiring about the status of the Solar Garden project. Saint John's reported that soil testing is underway for the project which, may or may not, happen unless interconnection issues between the array and the substation can be worked out. The County recently approved a large solar project outside of Richard.

2. 2015 End-of-Year Items / Planning for 2016

Annual Meeting– suggestions for the Annual Meeting agenda include removing the planning commission report, include rules for permits, and increase the levy to account for increased road construction costs. There was a recommendation to try to figure out a way to move voting to the conference room or office so that the large meeting room could be available for residents waiting for the meeting to start.

Audit Board Meeting – the need to increase the levy for road construction was mentioned again.

Zoning & Planning – there is no interest in revising the Comprehensive Plan at this time.

Joint Powers – no business items for future meetings were suggested. The current agreement with the City appears to be working great.

Web Site – a few suggestions for the web site were made.

Town Needs – the most recent listing of needs from February 2014 was re-examined. The following items have been acquired: shelving in the shop and cutting torch. The following items were not recommended at this time: snow plow (dual axle), pave parking lot, desk and chairs,

office shelving, and solar panels. The following items were recommend: riding mower, snow blower, gutters for the south and east sides of the building, and small spot sprayer for weeds around the Town Hall. An inexpensive alternative to lighting the flagpole was also suggested.

Computer Back-Ups – anyone with Town files on a computer at home should back up the files on a flash drive that will be provided.

Other & Old Business: *none*

Announcements/Reports:

1. **Pierskalla/Ramler Permit** – Holly Brisk from Knife River will attend the next meeting to initiate the renewal process for their IUP for an asphalt plant.
2. The County is seeking feedback on proposed revisions to Subdivision Ordinance 230. Goals include “cleaning up” some unforeseen issues and making the plat process easier.

Adjournment: Huston moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is January 27, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

Approval:

Gerry Kremers, Acting Chair

Date

Attest:

Date