

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

November 25, 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: A driveway permit for Tim Philippi was added to the agenda. Mergen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Huston moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting as presented. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none scheduled*

Scheduled Business:

1. **Bueckers Plat** – The chair signed a final plat for Brian Bueckers. There was no discussion because the project was already complete.
2. **Philippi Driveway Permit** – Mr. Tim Philippi appeared to discuss the addition of up to three new driveways to access his family property on 325th Street. He stated that the driveways were necessary to provide safe access to rental land, as well as for him to more easily access his organic garden. Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors approval of a maximum of one driveway permit for Tim Philippi provided that it is west of his existing agricultural area and that a completed driveway permit and fee are received. Huston second. All in favor. Motion carried. The driveway will almost certainly need a culvert and aprons. Mr. Philippi will stake two likely locations for Town inspection.
3. **Philippi Development Plans** – Mr. Philippi provided an update about tentative plans for his family property at 325th Street. He is interested in purchasing 5 acres to construct a residence. He has been in contact with Stearns County Environmental Services about necessary zoning and other changes that would ultimately be required. He should look into whether Saint John's has first right of refusal on any land purchase.
4. **Zoning in the St. Anna Area** – Huston moved to recommend to the Supervisors to make no revisions to the current zoning/growth area plans until the next comprehensive plan is developed in 2018. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other & Old Business: *none*

Announcements/Reports:

1. **Avon Area Lakes** – They are working on a variety of projects including 501c3 status, funding for projects, and removing a floating bog in Linnemann Lake.
2. **Queens Road Work** – A washed out area along Queens Road was repaired. This was necessary because corn was planted in the road right-of-way. The resident was notified that this was not permitted.
3. **Office Furniture** – Planning Commission members expressed their gratitude to Will Huston for the donation of office chairs.
4. **Buckthorn Removal along the Wobegon Trail** – the Supervisors support the removal of buckthorn but are not interested in getting directly involved in this project.

Adjournment: Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Huston second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is December 30, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Saupe, Clerk

Approval:

LeRoy Gondringer, Chair

Date

Attest:

Date