

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

August 31, 2016

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon)

Call to Order: Chairman Huston called to order the regular meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission at 7:45 PM. in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Will Huston, Ken Mergen, LeRoy Gondringer & Gerry Kremers. Absent - Clerk Stephen Saupe. Acting Clerk present: Marion Gondringer. Also present: Richard Bresnahan

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

Minutes: Gondringer moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting with correction – Minutes taken by LeRoy Gondringer. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: *none*

Scheduled Business:

1. **Cari Wiersema Variance:** 18685 368th St. Requesting 20 X 24 foot addition to home 53 feet from the center of the Township road. Addition would line up with the existing structure which is 53 feet from the center of the road. Gondringer moved to recommend setting a Public Hearing for the September 28th Planning Commission meeting at 7:45 for a variance of 7 feet from the center of the road. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Kevin Korneck driveway permit:** Parcel #03.00785.0000, 18118, St. Anna Drive. Gondringer moved to recommend to the supervisors to approve the driveway permit for Kevin Korneck. Second by Mergen. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Avon Area Lakes- Denis McGuinness:** Discussion took place without McGuinness being present.
4. **Parkwood Circle Driveway:** Mergen reports that a new driveway located between 911 signs 15582 and 15609 has been constructed. Koopmeiners will inspect and report to the board.
5. **Lines on Upper Spunk Lake Road:** A question came in from a resident concerning the absence of painted lines on Upper Spunk Lake Road. Resident was told that Avon Township does not paint lines on roads. Bresnahan stated that Avon Township does not paint lines on Township roads.

Other & Old Business:

1. **Solar farm ordinance:** Bresnahan – a working group that has been put together by Stearns County has been established to look at zoning considerations in connection with solar gardens in the County. After three meetings some agreement has been arrived at regarding various aspects of the permitting of solar gardens. The existing ordinance is being updated and clarified. Bresnahan reports that the St. John's University/Orion solar garden project is 2/3 complete.
2. **Driveway for Queens Road property:** Mergen stated that this driveway permit was not assessed by

the Planning Commission. A permit was issued in December of 2014. It has recently been constructed.

3. Due to complications with the Township website, a new company has been enlisted to manage the website.

Announcements/Reports:

1. None.

Adjournment: Mergen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Gondringer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is September 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Gondringer, Acting Clerk

Clerk signature: _____ date: _____

Approval:

Signature: _____ date _____

Print name: _____