

**PLAN COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF GRANT  
December 17, 2014**

Present: Sharon Schwab (acting Chairperson) Lori Ruess (acting Secretary), Ron Becker, Nathan Wolosek (Plan Commission members) and Marty Rutz (Zoning Administrator)

Excused: Jim Wendels and Cynthia Welling

Citizens Present: Dale Winkler

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sharon Schwab.

**STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Cynthia Welling noted via email that the agenda was posted at all posting sites.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ron Becker motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented; Nathan Wolosek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

No citizen input.

**TOWN BOARD REPORT**

- Sharon reported she received a complaint regarding a photography business located at 10020 90<sup>th</sup> Street South. The complainant stated there is a photography business going on in the garage with traffic coming and going and headlights shining into the neighbors' home. The business is Steinies Photique. More information on the business can be found at [www.steiniesphotique.zenfolio.com](http://www.steiniesphotique.zenfolio.com) or on Facebook at Steinies Photique. This may require a CUP.

It was suggested that after reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, we try to define a "home business".

- Sharon apologized for not bringing information from the groundwater listening session which was hosted by Patty Dreier at the Grant Elementary School. The listening session focused on the topics of groundwater quantity and quality. Free nitrate water testing was available to those who brought a pint of cold water in a clean container. There will be two more meetings held in the County.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

Marty Rutz reported he issued the following permits in November.

- Accessory building permit – Wade Wittenberg – 8420 Arbor Lane.
- Driveway permit – Scott Reeder – 8621 Evergreen Avenue. A new residence permit will be issued for this address in the near future.
- A driveway permit was issued on December 17<sup>th</sup> for the Petrusky driveway (Oak Street).

- The Southwinds Salvage tax bill is still under Ray Flowers. Marty contacted the Portage County Sheriff's Department for a copy of the police report; the report cannot be released as it is an open court case. Case is scheduled to go to court in March of 2015.
- Sharon has Dawn Flowers phone number and all correspondence from past concerns. Marty will try to contact Dawn

### **JUNIPER LANE/84<sup>TH</sup> STREET R/W FOLLOW UP**

Sharon read a letter she received from Julie Marcks' attorney. Discussion ensued. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Plan Commission to stay with the recommendation proposed at the November meeting.

- Issue revocable occupancy permit to allow the existing driveway split rail fence on town right-of-way to Roy and Lucille Millard and to issue revocable occupancy permit to allow the existing fence on town road right of way to Eldrid and Buella Getzloff.
- Verify proposed recommendation with legal counsel.

### **IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY**

Sharon stated she would like a recommendation from the Plan Commission as to which Implements of Husbandry (IOH) Option they would like to adopt. Before making the recommendation, the Plan Commission:

- Reviewed the Town of Grant IOH map, created by Portage County Planning & Zoning, based on all information received from growers directly or at the November Plan Commission meeting.
- Confirmed or denied the information on the presented map.
- Reviewed and confirmed routes for growers that did not respond.

Comments made as members were reviewing the maps and confirming routes included:

- Keep IOH off the asphalt roads as much as possible.
- Try to achieve use of roads where traffic is primarily used by IOH.
- All gravel roads in exclusive ag or general ag should be designated for IOH.
- Concern that growers will be traveling town roads because County will go with Option E. This will increase wear and tear on the town roads. Town does not receive money; need to contact Representative Krug and make him aware that the Town should also receive money.
- IOH information and map should be posted on website as well as sites where other notices are posted.
- Concern with stop sign on Angle Road. This sign needs to be changed. Ron stated that a new stop sign has to be done by resolution as well as specific rules followed when there is a change to traffic control.

Ron Becker motioned to have the Town of Grant adopt Option D - Partial Opt-Out II and designate allowable roads and highways that apply for IOH: Sharon Schwab seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FUTURE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

- January 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Ron Becker moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.; Nathan Wolosek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ruess  
Acting Plan Commission Secretary