

MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING July 5, 2016 Township Building

Present: Matt Wensel, John R. Dillon and Angel Emery (Temporary Recorder)

Guests: Ken Roan and Brian McCauley

Chairman Wensel, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wensel announced that the June meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

McCauley questioned the land near Shay Lane being looked at to be made commercial. Wensel explained that the 10 year plan being compiled with Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission is not necessarily what is going to happen, it's just an idea of what could happen in the township in the future. Roan said that this was discussed in 2008 and it was shot down by the residents. McCauley stated the public doesn't want developments or the interchange and suggested the Planning Commission look back on history. Wensel stated that they were just looking at what could generate some revenue for the township. Dillon asked McCauley to fill in some history, he questioned who did the survey with the public. McCauley said he thought it was the Planning Commission Board that was there at the time. McCauley stressed that the residents want to keep the township agricultural. Wensel agreed but said that there were other changes in those plans that were not stated in the NVJPC minutes. Roan mentioned that two supervisors should not be attending the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission meetings together as he says it is a violation of the sunshine law.

Roan questioned the new proposed ordinance regarding chickens, horses and goats. Wensel explained the ordinance, how it came about and how they've put it together. Roan asked what the smallest lot is that would allow for the keeping of any of these animals. Wensel explained that the ordinance is still being worked on as it is only in draft stages and he can't exactly say what is in the ordinance without having it in front of him. A draft of the Non-Commercial Keeping of Livestock/Beekeeping is needed for review. McCauley stated that setbacks need to be outlined very clearly in the ordinance because people are not following setbacks in the township.

McCauley questioned about blue prints and plans not being followed as they are presented. Wensel said there has been discussion about the township getting plans after the county has already approved them. McCauley asked what the recourse is for the township, Wensel will look into it. Twelve-Two LLC was mentioned because of the driveway still not being paved as the plan said it would be.

Roan suggested making the Planning Commission Board a five person board as opposed to the current three person board. Roan feels it would help more people be involved. It was changed from five to three previously because of lack of interest, five seats were too hard to fill. Dillon will mention the suggestion to the Board of Supervisors.

McCauley suggested putting the Planning Commission meeting minutes on Marion Township's website. The suggestion will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

New Business:

- Planning Commission meeting minutes being put on Marion Township's website
- Planning Commission Board being changed from three to five members

Wensel made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Matt Wensel, Chairman

Angel Emery, Temporary Recorder

John R. Dillon