

Feb 2, 2022

Planning and Zoning Minutes

Members present: Clint Cook, Jacob Tow, Donald Maxson, Luke Eising and Rachel Belcher

Also Present John Tow and Martin Kacey (Chairperson of Big Prairie Twp. Planning)

During public comment time Martin posed several questions as to the current Master Plan and Zoning ordinance regarding mixed use zoning on the M-20 corridor.

Old Business: discussed the merits of adaptation of a noise ordinance in the township. Several good point were brought up including enforcement issues and abuses as well as the possibility of only having the ordinance apply during certain times of the day. Ultimately the chair asked for a motion to vote on moving forward or putting the matter to rest at the present time. Motion was made by Clint Cook and Seconded by Luke Eising. Roll call vote was C. Cook a no, L Eising a no, R. Belcher a no, D. Maxson a no, with Jacob Tow abstaining. The matter is considered tabled until a possible future time frame.

Discussion was had considering a possible commercial renewable energy ordinance. Discussion led us to not consider at this time the need for a new ordinance in this matter. However that if a new commercial renewable energy operation was to occur that it would require a public meeting as it would be considered an exceptional use.

Clint Cook made motion to end meeting Luke Eising seconded all were in favor.

In addition to the included events I would like to make note of the fact that our member Jacob Tow has handed in his notice of resignation from this board.

I would like to personally note the gratitude of having such a fine young man to work along side of me for the last couple of years and that his absence from our board will surely be felt. I would also like to encourage him in his further endeavors as he moves forward in life.