

Minutes of the Meeting of the Marion Township Planning Commission
February 6, 2017

Present: Matthew Wensel, Christie Holloway and Louise Biancuzzo

Guests: Archie Gettig

Public comment: Archie thanked Matthew Wensel for all he has done for the township and being on the Planning Commission. Matt said that if we needed him for anything like zoning he could come to a meeting if we give him a couple days notice..

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 by Holloway with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the Marion Township Planning Commission meeting of January 4, 2017 and the Planning Commission Reorganizational meeting of January 4, 2017 with a date correction from September 6, 2016 to January 4, 2017 on the regular meeting minutes. Wensel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business: Non-Commercial Keeping of Livestock ordinance - Holloway is preparing the final document with edits and states there are a few decisions to be made.

1. We said this ordinance could apply to the R-2 Zoning to be a conditional use. To be a conditional use - what would the conditions be put on a person or would this be a case by case basis. There are only about four properties that this would apply to. After discussion by all a condition would be that everything (live animals) would need to be penned in as long as they meet the conditions.
2. Should swine be a conditional use - after discussion by all, do not include swine.
3. We need clarification on the maximum amount of chickens permitted - after discussion by all Holloway recommends to maintain the 6 chickens per acre.
4. Chicken coops - stationary or portable - after discussion by all Holloway recommends we remove the wording "stationary" but stationary or portable the coop needs to meet all setbacks and therefore stationary or non-stationary is approved.
5. Worksheets and examples - are these to be included in the ordinance? Wensel stated that he thinks it would be beneficial to give examples to people. After discussion by all it was approved to include the examples in the ordinance.

Holloway will wrap up completing the ordinance and send it to the Board of Supervisors for review with a copy to Tim Weight.

New Business: Holloway shared information from the NVJPC meeting of January 19 which was held here at the township building. Some of the topics discussed was the Public Services Charter, volunteer recruits, costs and rates for fire protection are they up to date, the adoption process of the new comprehensive plan - there is a draft for review. They will review it section by section and the first section for review is the Economic Development Chapter. In the March meeting they will give comments. Also discussed in length is the new Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way, regulations and changes. A letter was sent to local officials Benninghoff, Hannah, and Corman that the NVJPC has a control over some of these facilities. FYI only.

Holloway stated the Planning Commission received a letter of resignation from Matthew Wensel effective immediately. Holloway made a motion to accept Matthew Wensel's resignation from the Planning Commission effective 2/6/17 and Wensel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Holloway thanked him for his service and work with the township.

Holloway stated the Planning Commission received a letter of interest dated 1/5/17 from James Sampsell to be on the Planning Commission. Holloway made a motion to accept his interest and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve James Sampsell as a Planning Commission member. Wensel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Holloway made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Louise Biancuzzo, Secretary
Marion Township Planning Commission

Matthew Wensel

Christie Holloway, Chairman

Rick Dillon