

**Columbia Township  
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2017**

1) Call to order Chairperson Gaede called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2) Roll Call Mahr, McKay, Gaede, Reynolds and Wanty present. Jarvis and Jeffreys absent. Guest Ron Church Columbia Township Zoning Officer.

3) Approve Agenda.

Motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda seconded by McKay. Vote taken ayes all, Motion Passed.

4) Approve minutes of October 10, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Mahr to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017 seconded by McKay. Vote taken ayes, Mahr, McKay, Gaede, Reynolds ayes. Wanty did not vote due to being a new member and not in attendance of meeting October 10.

5) Election of Officers

Motion by Reynolds to elect the following Officers, Chairperson Terry Mahr, Vice Chairperson Roger Gaede, Secretary Philip Reynolds seconded by McKay.

Discussion followed Gaede objected due to Mahr being the representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals and a possible conflict. McKay and Reynolds spoke, both saying no conflict existed and that better communication would exist between the Planning and ZBA commissions and supported Mahrs election. Discussion followed. Vote taken McKay yes, Gaede no, Reynolds yes, Wanty yes. Mahr abstained. Motion Passed.

6) Public Comments None

7) Close Public Comments

Motion by Reynolds to close public comments seconded by McKay. Vote taken ayes all Motion Passed.

8) Schedule next meetings

The schedule for 2018 Quarterly Meetings are as follows,

March 6, 2018, June 5, 2018, September 4, 2018 and December 4, 2018 All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

9) Public Comments

A general discussion followed with Ron Church introducing himself and giving his back ground and new duties at Columbia Twp as Zoning Officer and Maintance person. Board members questioned him and were happy having him as Zoning Officer.

10) Commissioners Comments

Reynolds updated the commission on the latest up date and changes from Region 2 Planning Commission and Mark Eidelson recommendations dated October 16, 2017.

McKay reiterated that the Township Board changing the Planning Commissions recommendation of the Zoning on the North side of Jefferson Rd from Ag to Residential was a huge mistake and goes against the Land Use Plan adopted February 16, 2009 by the Columbia Twp Board and that a survey was conducted by the Twp of its residents and what they believed was the proper use of the land. Much discussion. McKay also stated that it puts the Twp at risk for a lawsuit by persons wishing to use their land for Ag purposes. At present 80% of the land is used for Ag purposes.

Gaede discussed the election of the new Chairperson and the need to update the Planning Commissions By Laws at the next meeting. Gaede also read the resignation letter of Pam Jarvis and accepted same, Thanking her for her service to the Commission.

11) Adjournment

Motion by McKay to Adjourn seconded by Reynolds. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Reynolds

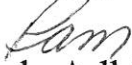
Columbia Township Planning Commission  
November 6 2017

Chair: Roger Gaede and Committee;

I spoke with Roger in September with my decision to leave, he asked if I would change my mind with some time. I am afraid my plan is still the same. With everything that is going on in my family life, I can't say that I could give the Commission my full attention, with the things that you are facing.

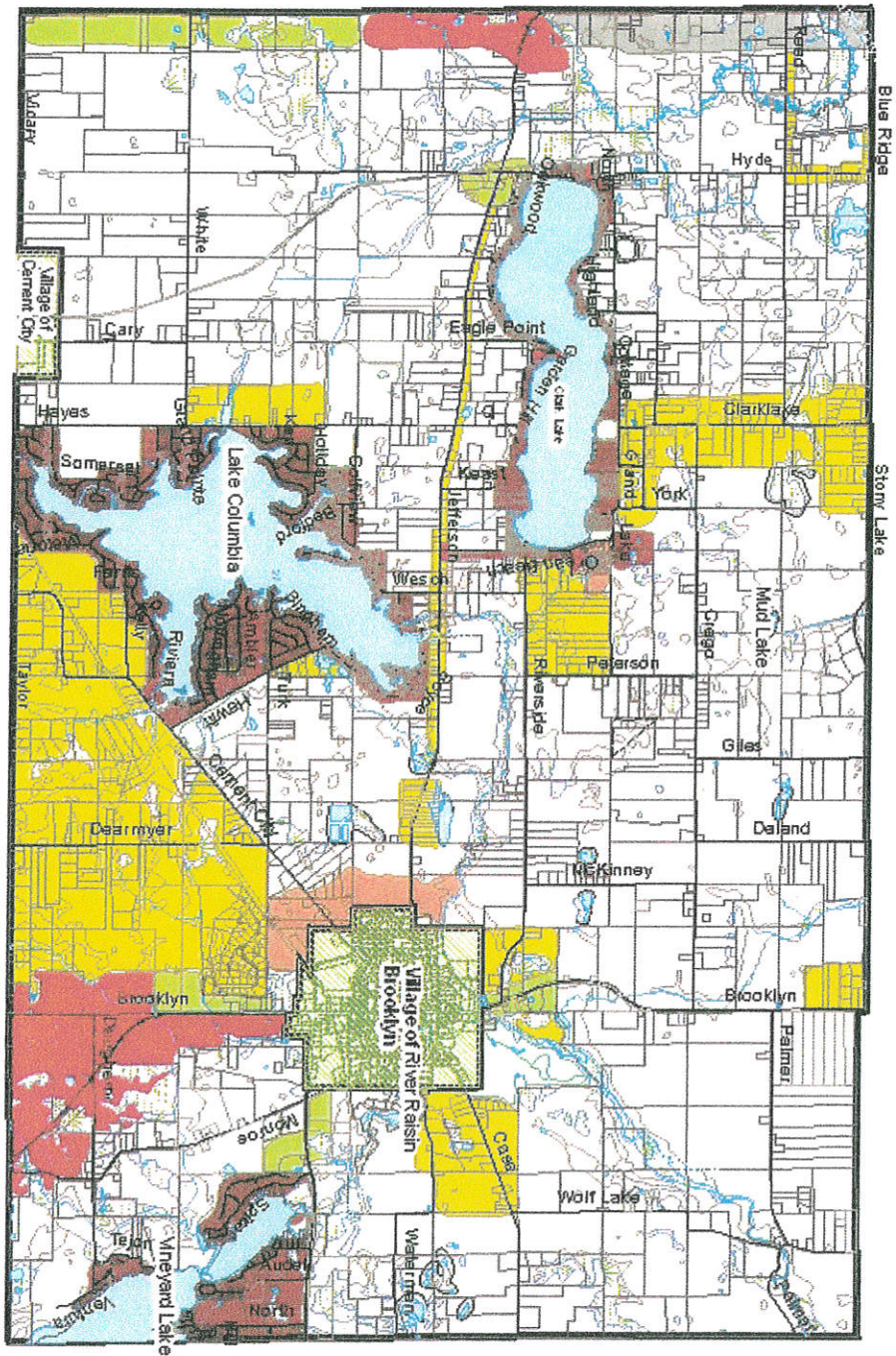
So I have to say that the Commission needs all hands on Deck. I have reached out to some others to fill my opening with no takers.

I have enjoyed my 12 years and learned so much about the enter workings of a community and it's people. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

  
Pamela Adkins Jarvis  
Planning Commission Member

*All of you have a wonderful  
Holiday*

# Columbia Township Jackson County, Michigan Land Use Plan



**MAP 2**

**LEGEND**

- Agricultural Preservation
- Low-Density Residential
- Moderate-Density Residential
- High-Density Residential
- Mobile Home Park
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Mixed Use
- Public/Quasi-Public
- Wetland



Map Created: June 8, 2007  
Revised: May 1, 2008

