

Columbia Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019
CORRECTED

- 1) Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mahr at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Mahr lead the commission in the recital of the Pledge of Alleriance
- 3) Roll Call. Trout, McKay, Mahr, Reynolds, Jeffries, Wanty and Gaede Present.
- 4) Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reynolds to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by McKay. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.
- 5) Approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion by McKay to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019. Motion seconded by Wanty. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.
- 6) Purpose of Meeting.
 - A. Discussion of Master Plan review proposal.

Mahr started the discussion by giving a overview of how we got to where we are now citing missing email and township board issues. There's some confusion concerning the use of Land Plan and a letter dated April 16, 2018 that was just received March 19, 2019. Members questioned the time lapse and lack of information. Much discussion by all commission members followed.

Mahr, Reynolds and McKay all questioned when did Township Board approve Land Plan and the expense of \$17,500.00 with out a RFP as required.

Commissioner Gaede presented the commission a summary comparison between Region 2 Planning and the Land Plan proposal dated April 16, 2018. Commissioner Gaede is a member of Jackson County Planning. Commissioner Gaede had discussions with the director confirming costs, scope of work and time line. See attached comparison.

Discussion followed by all, members were questioning the \$ 11,950.00 Land Plan cost and Region 2 cost of approximately \$5,500.00 as presented by Gaede. Questions were raised concerning the bidding process. Is Land Plans bid still good due to a starting date no later than September 1, 2018. Mahr stated that a meeting between Land Plan, Mahr and Clerk Marsh was to be held next week. Members questioned meeting.

Mahr reminded commissioners that the Master Plan dated February 2009 only needed up dating now and that after the 2020 census will need to be up dated again. Region 2 presently has most of the current data available that will be used in the up dated Master Plan. Commissioner discussion followed.

Trout suggested that Region 2, Land Plan proposals be reviewed for costs and tasks to see what should be eliminated/added and refined.

Much discussion followed, McKay made the following Motion

The Planning Commission is well aware that it needs assistance with the Update

Of the Columbia Township Master Plan dated February 2009.

Has the proposal by Land Plan dated April 16, 2018 been approved by the Township Board?

For the sake of transparency and cost effectiveness and a broader solicitation we request a Formal RFP be undertaken to include Region 2 Planning Commission along with Land Plan for up dated proposal.

Motion seconded by Wanty. Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.

B. Schedule of meetings for Master Plan review. No meetings scheduled.

7) Public Comment. None

8) Old Business. None

9) New Business. Meeting dates available for Special Land Use and Site Plan for Ground Mounted Solar Panels.

April 30, 2019 and May 7, 2019 All members can be present.

10) Public Comment. None

11) Commissioner Comments. Mahr and McKay will be attending a Planning Seminar May 30th.

12) Adjournment Motion by Reynolds to adjourn. Motion seconded by McKay, vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Reynolds