

Columbia Township Planning Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday February 11, 2020 7:00 pm

1. Call to order by Chairperson Terry Mahr at 7:02
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Roger Gaede, Mike McKay, Terry Mahr, Todd Wanty , Hollis Jeffreys,
Absent: Flip Reynolds, Andrew Brieschke
Visitors: Rick Church, Township Code Enforcement Administrator, John Calhoun-Columbia
Township Treasurer

4. Public Comments: None

5. Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike McKay; support by Hollis Jeffreys, Ayes all

6. Motion by McKay, support by Jeffreys to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020. Ayes all.

8. Purpose of the meeting: **Master Plan Workshop**- Survey review

a. John Calhoun-Columbia Township Treasurer presented a postcard mailing from Raisin Township concerning their Master Plan revision. A link to that Survey Monkey community survey was accessed and the questions were reviewed and studied. It had 49 questions and was similar to the current version of the Columbia Township survey that is being developed, It was agreed that the sliding scale from 1-10 was a useful rating system. The Township has an account with KCI, a printing source that could do the postcard mailing to all township addresses for approximately \$2,000.00..

Comments: Gaede voiced a concern that he felt Mark Eidelson was not in favor of Survey Monkey. General discussion on the use of various notification systems, School, Township, Chamber of Commerce websites and other entities. McKay asked that any costs for various tasks be sent to him for inclusion to the budget. Also noted that his office noted the old site plan review from 2015 is still active on the Township website. Discussion ensued, a review will take place.

b. Fourth reading of the survey and approval. **Survey review questions:** Changes were noted in Red.

Gaede questioned the need for unsure as a rating system, which replaced no opinion in previous versions.

21. Revise to be less wordy, delete financial with a plan to encourage preserving natural open lands; Gaede discussed the Township and the need for a resolution to implement PA 116 as requested by Jackson County.

25. Strike this question all together.

28. Revive business development question, strike the nearby community question.

9. Public Comments: none

10. General:

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday February 18, 2020, Site Plan review for Slingshot Trucking, plans are available to review at the Township office.

Chairperson Mahr shared with the Commission the quality of photos needed to be in the Masterplan, the Exponent will grant blanket release to use any photos published in the paper. Gaede cautioned using photos with residents in them. Mahr will be meeting with Township Officers February 12 to finalize the Press Releases to announce the Master Plan revision.

11. Master Plan revision committee reports:

a. Gaede will be meeting with Region 2 Thursday February 13.

b. McKay requested again the budget items be sent to him, discussed the cost of colored zoning maps. He also questioned the cost of Region 2 input and who will request information, Land Plan? Current budget estimate \$ 12,250 for Land Plan, \$ 3,000.00 for Region 2, paid for with our annual dues. \$8,000 for Commission meetings.

12. New Business:

a. Rick Church Zoning Enforcement Administrator asked what expectations the Planning Commission has of his position in the review and approval of Site Plans. He has doubts a plan can be approved in one meeting with the as the current ordinance is written, it is difficult to understand and follow. He handed out flow charts to be review and discard. It was agreed that the ordinance may need to be revised from its current practice.

His approach will be to recommend his common sense requirements based on the proposed project.

13. Commissioner Comments:

Mahr noted that there will be a community conversation meeting to discuss the Brooklyn Branch Library expansion. Planning Commission members are limited to (3) members attending.

Motion to adjourn McKay, support by Wanty Ayes all.

Adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next Meeting is Tuesday February 18th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Wanty

Todd Wanty-Secretary