

# Columbia Township Planning Commission Minutes



Meeting Date: Tuesday February 18, 2020 7:00 pm

1. Call to order by Chairperson Terry Mahr at 7:02
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Roger Gaede , Andrew Brieschke, Mike McKay, Terry Mahr, Todd Wanty  
Hollis Jeffreys,  
Absent: Flip Reynolds,  
Visitors: Rick Church, Township Code Enforcement Administrator, Phil Dawson-Slingshot  
Transportation, Byron Schroeder-Architect for Slingshot Transportation.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Motion to approve the agenda made by Roger Gaede; support by Mike McKay, Gaede questioned the Public Hearing requirements, can it be about anything? Vote: Ayes all

6. Motion by Andrew Brieschke, support by Hollis Jeffreys to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020. Ayes all.

8. Purpose of the meeting: **Site Plan Review-Slingshot Trucking, adding a Cold Storage Building.**

a. Phil Dawson and Byron Schroeder presented the plans and discussed the new cold storage building being added to his business. It will only be used to store maintenance equipment to maintain the grounds and workings of his Transportation Company. No freight or truck maintenance work will be done in this building. Gaede question, will this be pole type construction? Dawson: Yes.

b. Gaede question: No new sign was on the drawings? Dawson; No new sign is planned; the existing approved sign will be maintained.

c. McKay questioned if they had received the new checklist for Site Plan approval? He noted that the elevations were not shown. Schroeder: Yes they had the checklist and he had new drawing with elevations, these were reviewed and accepted as Exhibit #1.

d. McKay: discussion on lighting requirements, not shown. The Columbia Township Building Inspector approved the exterior lights, no power or interior lighting is planned.

e. Brieschke: What will the height of building be, and the expected completion timing? Dawson: Sixteen feet interior height to the rafters, timing is expected to be 45-60 days. No start date is firm yet.

f. Gaede inquired about Drain Commission approval, it was attached to the documents mailed to each member, and Gaede had not received his copy.

g. Brieschke: Will any fuel be stored on site? Dawson: No fuel will be stored.

h. Rick Church supplied his analysis of the Site Plan and his approval of it, or the original site plan, this is an addition of a 3200 square foot building on a 23 acre site. No fire, or environmental issues, no additional employees will be added.

7:40 PM Public Hearing is closed

Motion by McKay to recommend approval with 2 waivers of requirements to 14.3B.2 Line items P & S and accept Exhibit 1 to satisfy 14.3 B.2 Line items B & N. Support: Brieschke Vote: Ayes All Motion Carried.

Old Business: None

9. Public Comments: none

10. General:

Meeting dates update: March 10 meeting moved to March 3, Land Plan was unavailable and there is an Election. June 9 and June 16 will meet with Land Plan for the Master Plan.

November 3 is moved to November 10 for the Election.

March 24 will be a site plan review (St Rita's Church) and Master Plan workshop.

April 7 is still scheduled.

11. Master Plan revision committee reports: None

12. New Business: None

13. Commissioner Comments:

Chairperson Terry Mahr discussed the attendance of a Master Plan meeting with the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer went very well on February 12, 2020. Mahr then attended the Township Board meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the action items relating to the Master Plan items F-I were Tabled by the Board, until they can have a Study Session on the activities and Committee assignments within the Master plan revision. Chairperson Mahr was very disappointed and recommended we stop any further work on the Master Plan.

Mike McKay went on to say, he continues to be frustrated with the Board and will not participate any further due to the lack of support from the Township Board.

Andrew Brieschke made a motion to notify the Board we are suspending any further efforts and work on the Master Plan until we receive direction on our recent activity for the Master Plan, from the Columbia Township Board. Support by McKay. Vote: Ayes all. Motion carried.

Andrew Brieschke noted he is a former member of 2 committees at St Rita's and questioned whether there is a conflict on the upcoming Site Plan review. The PC members felt there is no conflict.

Rick Church has offered to be a Liaison for communication of the work on the Master Plan, it was noted by all PC members that his help is greatly appreciated.

Motion by Jeffreys to adjourn, Support by McKay. Ayes all Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Todd Wanty*

Todd Wanty-Secretary