

Mussey Township Planning Commission

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Bill Schultz, Chair
Mary Klug, Vice Chair
Linda Kniseley, Secretary
Kenneth Montgomery, Planner

Linda Schmitt, Member
Brian Ypma, Member
Judy Palmieri, Member
Monica Standel, Twp. Board Rep.

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Held at the Township Hall

25 November, 2014

Official Minutes

Call to Order: Bill Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

Roll Call: Present: Bill Schultz, Judy Palmieri, Mary Klug, Linda Kniseley, Linda Schmitt, Monica Standel & Bldg./ Zoning Administrator, Debra Hlubic.

Absent: Brian Ypma.

Public Present: Jennifer Gibbs, Shirley Gibbs & Roxanne Frisch re: 4191 Miller Road.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mary Klug, support Judy Palmieri to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Linda Kniseley, support Judy Palmieri to approve the September 23, 2014 minutes as corrected. Should be Mr. Zink. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: None.

Public Time: (1). Residents who are renting a home located at 4191 Miller Road addressed their concerns regarding the number of large animals they have on this property. They have already attended the Township Board meeting to address this issue and was referred to the Planning Commission to see if they would consider revising the current Ordinance we have pertaining to large animals. Per our Ordinance it states the minimum acreage for 1-2 large animals is 5 acres, they have 3.2 acres. They claim there animals are considered miniature animals which our Ordinance does not specify the definition of miniature animals. Discussion. Consensus of the Planning Commission was to contact other municipalities to see how their Ordinance is written for large animals (Hobby Farms) and look into possibly adding verbiage to our current Ordinance that states something pertaining to miniature animals. The Planning Commission allowed an extension for the home owners until the next meeting which will be held in January, 2015 so the Planning Commission has time to look into this issue.

New Business: (1). Discussion re: Mussey Township Planner, Ken Montgomery who will be retiring as of December 31, 2014. We need to contact other municipalities to see who they are using as a planner. Monica Standel also will be attending the MTA Convention and can maybe find out some information on Planners' there.

Old Business: None.

Township Board Report: (1). Monica Standel gave an up-date on Mr. Braekevelt's property located at 5268 Knoll Road. This is being investigated by our Zoning Enforcer and will probably be taking him back to court. The Board is also working on trying to get Mrs. Cooks property on S. Capac Road cleaned up.

Planning Commission Chair Report: (1). Bill Schultz informed everyone the ZBA meeting that took place on November 10, 2014 for Mr. Kevin Mitchell who was asking for a variance was approved. Mr. Mitchell does have to pay for the building permit and the fee's that apply for not obtaining one before the accessory building was started.

Adjournment: Motion Mary Klug, support Monica Standel to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned @6:41 p.m..

Next meeting will be held on January 27, 2015

Respectfully submitted by:

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Building & Zoning Administrator