

**Flowerfield Township
St. Joseph County
Planning Commission Meeting Agenda**

January 18, 2018

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. PC Members present: Joe Woodin, Neil Farrell, Richard Rice, Marty Eldred, Ron Shaver, and Greg Hamelink

Board Member Additions to Agenda

Greg mention speaking with Doug Kuhlman about our Master Plan and that it hadn't been revised/reviewed since 2009 so Master Plan discussion was added to the agenda under New Business. Ron Shaver asked to add township website as a discussion item under New Business.

Approval of Agenda

Marty made a motion to approve agenda with additions, Joe seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Comments

Ron Shaver mentioned Tim Jones (on Flowerfield Road) had come to the January township board meeting to propose holding a summer concert on his property. The township board referred Tim Jones to Doug Kuhlman Zoning Administrator and also asked him to discuss this with County Sherriff (traffic/crowd control) as well as DEQ for waste handling. The PC is not aware of any zoning ordinance that would prevent this event from occurring.

PC members discussed the need for additional PC members. Greg mentioned Gretta Schermerhorn on DeLong Road as an option, Marty mentioned Tom Wolhuis, and Rich mentioned a neighbor in Flowerfield as an option. Each PC member agreed to follow-up with their respective suggestions for interest in participating on PC. Joe also mentioned the need for a couple more ZBA member's, Richard Rice's spouse was mentioned as a potential option.

Approval of Minutes

Greg made a motion to approve the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes, Ron seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments & Requests for Applications and/or Special Exceptions

None

Correspondence

Greg mentioned the emails that the PC received from Doug Kuhlman regarding solar farms and township officials voting/approving items that may benefit them personally.

Old Business

New Zoning Ordinance Booklet

Zoning booklets were provided to all PC members, copies were also provided to all Township Board members. An electronic copy of the zoning ordinance was placed on the township website. Myron Fuller (township clerk) was going to provide both a paper copy and electronic copy to the county.

New Business

2018 meeting dates

The PC members agreed on upcoming meeting dates that are posted at the township board, future dates will be added for 2018 as necessary.

Master Plan Review: The PC members agreed a review should be conducted of the Master Plan. This can be accomplished by PC, via a focus group, questionnaire sent to township residents, etc. Greg will work on getting a hard copy of the Master Plan to PC members and also an electronic version for editing.

Township Website: Ron mentioned that new zoning ordinance had been added to township website. PC needs to add master plan, future land use map, zoning map, and prior meeting minutes to the website. Greg will work on collecting this information and provide it to the webmaster.

Adjournment:

Joe made a motion to adjourn, Richard seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 8:05 P.M.

Next Meeting
February 15, 2018