

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

October 17, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. PC members present: Greg Hamelink, Ron Shaver, Richard Rice, Nicholas Shimp, and Marty Eldred. Joe Woodin and Neil Farrell were absent.

Board Member Additions to Agenda

None

Approval of Agenda

Marty Eldred made a motion to approve the October 17, 2019 meeting agenda, Richard Rice seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Board Member Comments

Ron Shaver commented about his desire to see the most current information included in our updated Master Plan and suggested we see when 2020 Census Data would be available. Greg stated he received a quote from SMPC to update section 3 of the Master plan for \$500. Greg will ask SMPC when they think 2020 Census Data will be available to include in updated Master Plan. Ron Shaver brought up the topic of sewage dumping that is occurring in Michigan rivers and wondered if the township knew the status of septic systems in the township in relation to rivers located in the township.

Approval of Minutes

Marty Eldred made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 meeting minutes, Ron Shaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Public Comments & Requests for Applications and/or Special Exceptions

James Thomas Jr. from Marcellus township Planning Commission was present, he wanted to see how local townships conduct their PC meetings for comparison.

Correspondence

Greg provided an email exchange he had with Doug Kuhlman regarding section 4.37 Temporary Dwelling for Hardship of the zoning ordinance for discussion. Greg also relayed a phone call he had with Doug Kuhlman regarding upcoming 5G Cellular technology coming to rural USA, a kennel ordinance that Doug is working on for surrounding townships, and recent training that Doug attending where he learned there are future rule changes will be occurring for land splits.

Old Business

Master Plan Updates Review

The PC decided to suspend further review of Master Plan update until 2020.

New Business

2020 Meeting Dates

The PC decided on 2020 meeting dates, those dates will be posted on township website and located on notice board at township hall.

Adjournment:

Marty Eldred made a motion to close the meeting, Richard Rice seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 8:02 P.M.

Next Meeting
January 16, 2020