

**WALES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2018**

Meeting opened at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: David Basnaw, Nicole Downey; David Jewell; John Minor; Gayle Perry; Larry Thomson; Kevin Watkins.

Absent: None.

Also present: Recording Secretary Judy Duncan and two members of the public.

AGENDA: **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to approve the agenda with the addition of Correspondence Item B; Planning & Zoning workshop. All ayes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Thomson, second by Minor, to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting as presented. All ayes; motion carried. **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to approve the Minutes of the February 05, 2018, Special Site Plan Review as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

QUESTIONS from the public on agenda items. None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Masters memo re: ITC substation. There was discussion on the memo. It was agreed among the members who were in attendance at the Special Site Plan Review meeting, that they accepted the plan submitted at that time to be the recognized site plan for the entire project.
- B. Planning & Zoning workshop. David Jewell explained the Workshop invitation. He works for Fort Gratiot Township. Their people attended an MTA workshop on the subject, and considered it of such importance and depth, as to want to make it available to others in the area. There was discussion on the fact that payment for attendance has not been approved by the Board of Trustees. Since there will be a Board of Trustees meeting before the deadline to sign up for the workshop, it was suggested that those who wish to attend fill in the form, and the recording secretary will inform them of the decision of the Board of Trustees to approve and fund, or not approve the training session.

GUEST PRESENTATION: None.

REPORTS:

- A. Zoning Administrator. Not in attendance.
- B. Planning Consultant. Not in attendance.
- C. Township Board representative. Since this is Thomson's first meeting, he has nothing at this time.
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals representative. Minor said the ZBA met in January for their required organizational meeting, but no business.
- E. Committees. Minor wants the Recreation Plan updated. It is not acceptable for applications for grants unless it is up to date. Also, he made the Parks committee members aware that the Planning Commission would like to have a joint meeting with them.
- F. Other reports. None.

OLD BUSINESS:

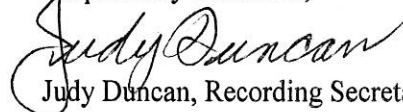
- A. Set Master Plan Workshop schedule. Basnaw said he would like to see the Planning Commission members get back to work on the Master Plan review. After discussion, **motion** by Watkins, second by Thomson, to set dates for special workshop sessions for Monday, May 21st, and Monday, June 18th, 2018, at 7p.m. at the Wales Township Hall. All ayes; motion carried.
- B. Election of Chairperson. Basnaw asked that since we have three new members, the item be tabled until the next regular meeting. There being no disagreement, tabled.
- C. Change Schedule of Meeting dates. In an attempt to change the January meeting date to avoid a Holiday, an error was made by the recording secretary during the organizational meeting. Due to the difficulty of finding a suitable alternate Monday in January, **motion** by Minor, second by Jewell, to set the date for the January 2019 Planning Commission Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 15th, 2019. All ayes; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None. There was no new business, but some discussion among the members. John Minor explained the importance and the history of the Master Plan. Wales first adopted one in the 1970's. He also informed the new members that our November 2017 workshop discussed pages 1 through 43. Kevin Watkins made all aware of a site on the Internet called "good neighbor", about Wales Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Bill Sarwas inquired about solar farms in Wales Township, asking if there is anything in the works? Dave Basnaw told him that will be one of the things the Planning Commission will be discussing at the workshop sessions.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to adjourn. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Next regular meeting - July 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Duncan, Recording Secretary