

Wales Township Planning Commission
Workshop Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present: Gayle Perry; David Basnaw; Kevin Watkins; David Jewell; John Minor; Larry Thomson; Nicole Downey.

Absent: None.

Also present: Recording secretary Judy Duncan and no members of the public.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the July 16, 2018, and the August 20, 2018 meetings. **Motion** by Minor, Second by Basnaw, to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2018, and the August 20, 2018 Minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Questions from the public: None.

Correspondence:

- a. Memo from Supervisor Masters.
- b. Fliers on Citizen Planner workshop. Minor suggested that every Board of the Township be regulated by By-laws. Watkins concurred. There was much discussion on the Training session in Frankenmuth, but no one requested to attend.
- c. Update on Broadband communications. USDA has grants and loans available, but for larger groups than small townships individually. Minor and Watkins both think Broadband planning should be included in the Master Plan.

Old Business:

- a. Solar Ordinance. Copies of the proposed Solar Ordinance for Wales Township were reviewed by the members. Minor addressed the Chair, explaining the procedure for adoption of an Ordinance. Jewell said that he had discussed the proposed Ordinance with the Fort Gratiot Supervisor, who advised him to make sure there is a section covering performance and surety bonds. **Motion** by Minor, second by Jewell, that the Planning Commission accept this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Book as the Solar Ordinance, as corrected numerically, and pass it on to the Township Board for action. Roll call vote taken: Minor, aye; Jewell, aye; Basnaw, aye; Perry, aye; Watkins, aye; Thomson, aye; Downey, aye. All ayes; motion carried. Minor and Jewell discussed inserting a statement on renewable energy, but no motion was made.
- b. Resume review of Wales Township Master Plan at page 84. It was requested that New Business be moved ahead of Item B in Old Business. That was approved without a motion.

New Business: Set Public Hearing dates/ Special Meeting dates.
Since the next planned meeting is a regular meeting, there was no New Business conducted.

Work resumed on Master Plan review at page 84. After several minutes of discussion, it was decided that it would be difficult to proceed further without the information needed from the charts and maps which have been ordered, but are not yet available.

Adjournment: Due to the need for more information, **motion** made by Thomson, second by Basnaw, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting date – October 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Duncan, Recording Secretary