

Newfield Township Planning Commission

January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jay Peasley. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call showed board members Jay Peasley, Bill Myers, Bob Carr, Tami Ballantyne and Gale Eitniear present. Gale Eitniear was appointed to replace John Clark. Supervisor Joan David, Zoning Administrator Steve Micklin and Sexton Dennis David were also present.

Motion by Myers supported by Carr to accept agenda as submitted: all ayes

Motion by Myers supported by Carr to approve minutes for the Oct 13 meeting: all ayes

Public Comments: None

Communications: Ballantyne shared Greenwood Township's Ordinance book. It was also mentioned that both the Village of Hesperia and Greenwood Township are interested in working together to share expenses for a Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Myers supported by Ballantyne to elect Peasley as Chair: all ayes

Motion by Myers supported by Ballantyne to elect Eitniear as Vice Chair: all ayes

Motions by Myers supported by Peasley to elect Ballantyne as Secretary: all ayes

Discussion on which parts to separate from current Zoning Book took place. The intent is to have a separation of Land Uses versus Public Safety issues. It was agreed upon that the following should be removed:

- Definitions numbers 2.18 and 2.20

- Articles: 15, 17, 18 and 22.

- Municipal infractions

Steve Micklin will write a rough draft incorporating recommendations from law firm. Jay Peasley will redo the maps. Rough drafts to be presented to this board at our April meeting.

Steve Micklin will present a sample Blight Ordinance for discussion at April meeting. This Blight Ordinance will replace current wording of "Junk".

The Zoning Administrator handed out his report for last year.

Recommendations for Township board: This board is recommending that Steve Micklin get paid for his time in rewriting Zoning Book. We asked Steve to submit a proposal to the Township Board.

Chairman Jay Peasley adjourned meeting at 8:15pm.

Submitted by Tami Ballantyne