

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

October 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, Bob Carr, Bill Myers and Tami Ballantyne and Gale Eitnrear all present. Zoning Administrator Steve Micklin and Supervisor Joan David were also present.

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

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

Public Comments: None

Communications: Steve Micklin brought up an article he had read that would take power away from townships on rental ordinances.

Old Business:

Zoning manual has been updated reflecting changes. It was not printed pending changes resulting from this meeting.

New Business:

- A) A sample Solar Energy Ordinance was passed out and reviewed. Newfield Township will be replacing Wayne County where applicable and section 10 will be deleted of said sample. Motion by Ballantyne supported by Myers to include Solar Energy Ordinance with the updated zoning manual. All Ayes
- B) Current side and front lake setbacks were discussed. Chairman Peasley took a roll call vote on the need to change: Myers - no, Peasley - no, Carr -no, Eitnrear -no, Ballantyne -yes. End of discussion.
- C) Motion by Peasley supported by Carr to lower the required square footage for a residence from 540 square feet to 240 square feet. All Ayes
- D) Motion by Myers supported by Peasley to change minimum acre split requirement from 5 acres to 2 acres on a parcel located in AR1. Ayes 4 and Nays 1 motion passed.
- E) After discussion it was decided that there is no need to change max time for staying in a camper.

Steve handed out his report.

Next meeting will be January 11. There will be a public hearing at 6:30 prior to our meeting on the updated Zoning Manual.

Recommendations for the Board: The clerk will be asked to publish an announcement for the public hearing on January 11. Chairman Peasley will supply the clerk with notice wording.

Discussion on board members retiring and the need to recruit some younger people.

Chairman Jay Peasley adjourned meeting at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Tami Ballantyne