

Wilson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2017

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chair John Mathers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Planning Commission (PC) Members Present: Norm Vogt, Jeff Argetsinger, Mark Wuerth, Aaron Nordman, John Mathers, Ray Guzniczak, and Mel Nowland. Also present: recording secretary Marilyn Beebe, planner Scott McPherson, Boyne City City Manager Mike Cain, and Boyne City Planning Commission members Tom Neidhamer, Ken Allen, and Jason Biskner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by R. Guzniczak and second by M. Nowland to approve minutes from the April 5, 2017 Wilson Township Planning Commission meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joint meeting with the Boyne City Planning Commission: S. McPherson opened the meeting between the Wilson Township Planning Commission and several members of the Boyne City planning commission and the city manager. Scott noted that with the redevelopment of sites for Glenn Catt, Louie's Market and additional sales that may be happening, it was a good time to bring the planning commissions together to discuss the M-75 corridor and begin to develop a plan for the corridor. Topics discussion included:

- a. Goals and vision for the M-75 corridor developed by the Partnership for Change group
- b. Renewal of the expired 425 agreement for connection to water and sewer
- c. Access management
- d. Architectural design – freeway or urban environment

Moving forward, it was the consensus of the group that a plan for the corridor with delineated goals should be developed. Resources to develop goals:

- a. Sign plans
- b. Pedestrian access plans
- c. Landscaping ordinances
- d. Review industrial areas zoning (housing needs)

Next steps, S. McPherson will research resources for plan development and will reach out to Boyne Valley Township for their participation.

2. Election of Officers: **Moved by** J. Argetsinger with **second by** R. Guzniczak to reappoint John Mathers as Chair, Aaron Nordman as Vice Chair and Mel Nowland as Secretary. Voice vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Fireworks Ordinance: A county-wide fireworks ordinance was discussed. S. McPherson will get a copy of the ordinance for discussion at the June Planning Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Planner and Zoning Administrator's report: submitted.
 - a. Zibell Rezone: The rezone application was sent to the county for review and will be presented to the Wilson Township Board at the next monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by M. Nowland, **second by** R. Guzniczak to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Voice vote: Ayes 7, Nays – 0. **MOTION CARRIED.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on June 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Beebe, Recording Secretary

Mel Nowland, Secretary