

Wilson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – January 7, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Present: John Mathers, Aaron Nordman, Jeff Argetsinger, Mark Wuerth, Ray Guzniczak, and Mel Nowland. Absent: Jon Jasinski. Others present: Scott McPherson, Planner and Marilyn Beebe, Recording Secretary.

READING OF MINUTES: **Moved** by Ray Guzniczak with **second** by Mel Nowland to approve as presented the minutes from the November 5, 2014 Planning Commission (PC) meeting, Discussion: None. **Voice vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Wilson Township Zoning Ordinance setback requirements: Recently a question was asked about township zoning setback requirements in response to a concern about new structures blocking lake views. Scott McPherson noted that he reviewed the ordinance and saw no violations or language that addresses this issue. Discussion took place about putting something in the ordinance dealing with protecting views. The PC unanimously decided that there was no need to change the ordinance as long as the setbacks were in place and administered. Scott noted that the appeal process is always in effect in anyone disagrees.
2. Partnership for Change discussion: Scott reported that Boyne Valley (BV) Township has been working with Mary Campbell of MC Planning on several of their projects and has expressed an interest to Scott about revisiting the M-75 corridor plan with Wilson Township. Scott thought that if the PC was interested, they could meet with the BV PC on February 2, 2015 (7:00 PM at Boyne Valley Township hall). He thought it would be important to meet again and establish a specific goal. All PC members were in favor of meeting with the BV PC to resume discussion on the status of the M-75 corridor.
3. Adopt 2015 Meeting Calendar: The PC reviewed the 2015 meeting calendar. Scott noted that the February 2, 2015 meeting with BV Township should be scheduled as a special meeting. If there were no items on the February 4, 2015 PC meeting agenda, this meeting could be cancelled. **Moved** by Ray Guzniczak with **second** by Mel Nowland to adopt the 2015 meeting calendar with a special PC meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM February 2, 2015 at the Boyne Valley Township hall. **Voice vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Damaged pole barn on Fall Park Rd: The property has been sold. Scott is attempting to contact the new owners to let them know that the barn needs to be repaired or torn down.
2. Boyne Valley Storage Condominiums: Mr. Jasper has rectified the pond breach – no permits have been issued.
3. Hall Restroom Discussion: The PC was asked advice on public use of the bathrooms at the hall.
Recommendations:
 - Open the restrooms to the public
 - Lock the restrooms when the park closes (automatic door locks)
 - Install a water overflow sensor, blower hand dryer (instead of towels), faucets that shut off automatically, lights that come on when a door opens

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Planning Commission, Mel Nowland **moved** to adjourn, with **second** by Ray Guzniczak. **Voice vote: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn L. Beebe, Recording Secretary

Mel Nowland, Secretary