

Wilson Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting – November 4, 2015  
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**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, Ray Guzniczak, Mark Wuerth, and Mel Nowland. Absent: Jon Jasinski. Others present: Scott McPherson, Planner and Marilyn Beebe, Recording Secretary.

**READING OF MINUTES:** **Moved** by Mark Wuerth with **support** by Jeff Argetsinger to approve as presented the minutes from the October 7, 2015 Planning Commission (PC) meeting, Discussion: None. **Voice vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance: Township attorney Bryan Graham provided a revised Cemetery Ordinance Amendment referencing Sections 2, 5, 6, and 7. The changes as noted were discussed.
  - a. Section 2: Removed reference to cremains in definition for a green burial
  - b. Section 5: Eliminated the requirement for cribbing or open burial spaces
  - c. Section 6: Added minimum standards for foundations for head stones
  - d. Section 7: Removed language requiring a vault for cremains burials

**Moved** by Mel Nowland with **support** by Ray Guzniczak to recommend approval of the Cemetery Ordinance Amendments to the Wilson Township Board. **Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS:**

1. Planning/Zoning report: submitted
2. Scott McPherson updated the group on:
  - Wolverine Power Substation
  - Clare's Country Corners environmental clean-up
3. Jeff Argetsinger updated the group on recent discussion at an MTA Chapter meeting regarding septic system inspection and possibly a septic systems ordinance.
4. Mark Wuerth asked if there was an ordinance or rules pertaining to carrying a gun in a public building, such as the township hall. Scott noted that there wasn't an ordinance but there could be something regarding carrying a weapon in a government building.
5. Scott reported that there may be a special use permit request for a bed and breakfast site at the December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Planning Commission, Mel Nowland **moved** to adjourn, with **support** by Mark Wuerth. **Voice vote: all ayes by those present. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM. The next regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting is December 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Marilyn L. Beebe, Recording Secretary

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Mel Nowland, Secretary