

**Keene Township**

**Planning Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Jeff Braam, Mike Gasper, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Corey Wojcik.

**Members Absent:** Lori Larsen (called ahead) (We need a new member to replace Doug)

**Zoning Administrator:** Jeanne Vandersloot

**Public Present:** Doug Eddy

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Jeff Braam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes**

Ray made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

**Approval or Change of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ray, seconded by Mike to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

**Open discussion for issues not on the agenda**

- Correspondence Received: Public Notice of Vergennes Master Plan Hearing
- Planning Commission Members: None
- Members of the Audience: None

**Report from Township Board Representative**

Corey reported that there will be a chip and seal on the new pavement on the corner of Sayles and Marble and a new project of paving Pinckney at Potters to a small distance beyond the driveway of Dynamic Wood Products. The new fiscal year budget was adopted. The person contracted to mowing the secondary roads did not mow all roads last year. This will be watched more closely this year and payment withheld until completion. The Township Cleanup Day will be April 21. Volunteers are needed.

**Report from Zoning Administrator**

See written report for March 2018 for details. There were 5 zoning permits and 2 land divisions.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Vergennes Master Plan Update**

Their public hearing will be April 9 if anyone is interested in commenting or attending.

**Solar Energy**

Jeanne went over the recently adopted solar energy ordinance from Danby Twp. A second sample was from Oregon Township in MI. There was discussion on the need for removal of equipment once no longer used and what they liked about each one. There was a consensus that we should pursue adopting a solar energy ordinance and Jeanne will put something together to fit our Township using Danby parts and adding some discretion on what gets removed after disuse such as driveway, fencing and trees with agreement up to the land owner and Township.

**Replacement PC Member**

Robert has some names of interested persons.

**Other business**

The members also thought we need to pursue a wind energy ordinance as well. Jeanne will send out some samples before the next meeting to be studied.

**Adjournment:** Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. Corey seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

**Next regular meeting.** The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2018.