

Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
7:00pm

Members Present: Doug Eddy, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Lori Larsen. Absent were Jeff Braam, Mike Gasper and Corey Wojcik.

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Robert Simpson

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

Matt made a motion to accept the February 7 minutes as presented, Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

No change required. Ray made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Matt seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

- **Correspondence Received:** None
- **Planning Commission Members:** None
- **Members of the Audience:**

Supervisor Simpson reported on a session he attended at the MTA conference last month. The session covered the challenges and opportunities for townships concerning existing cemeteries. While our current cemetery ordinance document gives guidelines for the operation and maintenance of the township's two cemeteries, those guidelines may not be enough to handle the challenges of tomorrow and may not provide the support for future growth and development.

Supervisor Simpson will present this information at the Township Board meeting on May 9. He will propose the development of a committee that will explore what the needs and opportunities are, establish how best to move forward, and create a plan to present to the Board.

Report from Township Board Representative: Supervisor Simpson provided an overview of Board actions and plans. The Board has been reviewing two Township road projects; the corner of Sayles and Marble, and Lee Road north of Potters, which is heavily traveled because of the Maple Row dairy operation.

The Sayles and Marble intersection is a bus stop and there are safety issues that need to be addressed. The corner will be filled and ditched, widened and paved. The estimate from the Road Commission for this project is about \$22,000.

The estimate for the Lee Road project is \$40,000, which will include the road work and 1/2 mile of limestone base. Maple Row has agreed to pay one half of the project costs.

The Board will vote on these projects at the May 9 meeting.

The Board has a bid of \$2,800 for mowing the Township roads two times this year. The Board will also vote on this project at the May 9 meeting.

The Township junk cleanup day, held on Saturday, April 29th, was a success. We filled five dumpsters with trash, one with tires and one with metal. There seemed to be a lot of reusable goods so next year we will explore the option of having a community organization on site to take the gently used items and keep them in use (such as bikes). We will also explore an electronics recycler.

Simpson also notified the Planning Commission members that there will be a group picture taken at the next meeting so we can be added to the Township website.

Report from Zoning Administrator:

Jeanne reported that there has been one land division permit issued on Lee Rd north of Centerline of 2.5 acres from a 25 acre parcel. She also sent two letters to residents to address junk and scrap as well as unlicensed vehicles. She is still working with the resident at Centerline and Pinckney on their cleanup project.

Old Business None

New Business: Secretary Larsen questioned if the County has done any green space planning. Ray brought up the green space requirements for developments in the zoning ordinance and Jeanne confirmed.

Other Business. None

Adjournment: Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was carried at 4-0.

Next regular meeting. Next Meeting will be held on August 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm.