

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday November 1, 2022
7:00pm**

Members Present: Jeff Braam, Dan Briggs, Denny Briggs, M. Gasper, Ray Kreiger, M. Stahlin, C. Wojcik

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Approximately 26 visitors from the community

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jeff Braam Called to order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – Topics not on the Agenda: Public Questions: Is there a fine for Zoning Violation. Jeanne provided an answer discussing different fee structure depending on the violation, number of warnings/offenses, and letters. Typically, zoning violations are reported by the community.

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes: Matt S. moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Corey W. Seconded the motion, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0

New Business:

-Rezoning request by Vroman's and 3 adjacent parcels to be changed from LDR to AG.

-Presentation of the request was conducted by Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Admin.

-Public Comment: Vroman's spoke about the request – They have their 16 acre parcel for sale and would like to market the property such that a potential buyer could have livestock. This is not allowed under the current zoning, LDR.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

-Specific questions on zoning not pertaining to the request at hand

-Comments – A few members of the community voiced support for the request

-Comments – A few community members voiced opposition to the request as presented stating they felt the application should be 4 separate applications, not one. Additional comments felt strongly adjacent parcels should not be rezoned AR. Referencing parcels with raising calves, parcels with old cars.

-One parcel was the subject of concern and a community member voiced opposition to the particular parcel said the agricultural activity conducted created an eyesore from their perspective, but supported farming in the community as a whole.

-Matt S moved to send the re-zoning request to the Board recommending approval to change the 4 parcels from LDR to AR. The motion was seconded by Matt G. and was passed with a vote of 6-0 with Corey W. abstaining.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Public Comment: Community Members again voiced concern of the rezoning application and its form and substance.

Adjournment: Matt S. moved to adjourn at 7:28, it was seconded by ~~Matt~~ Mike G. and passed with a 7-0 vote.