

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Jeff Braam, Dan Briggs, Mike Gasper, Lori Larsen, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Corey Wojcik

Members Absent: None

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Chad Lampkin

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

Ray was acknowledged as Chairperson in the last minutes. That will be corrected to read Vice-Chairperson. Matt made a motion to accept the October minutes as amended. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by Matt to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0

Open discussion for issues not on the agenda

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

Report from Township Board Representative

Corey reported that the township roads are a challenge this time of the year due to the constant freezing and thawing and rain.

Report from Zoning Administrator

No permits were issued in January.

Old Business

The Commission again reviewed the draft ordinance for wind energy, this time with input from Chad Lampkin. After much discussion it was determined that the ordinance that we are working with is too complicated and cumbersome, and maybe unnecessary. It may be beneficial for the township to consider addressing wind energy projects as special use. Jeanne will look for some shorter less stringent ordinances.

Corey made a motion to table the discussion until further research has been completed. Dan

seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

New Business

The election of officers

Corey made a motion to re-elect Jeff as the Planning Commission Chairperson. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

Matt made a motion to re-elect Ray as the Vice-Chairperson. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.

Jeff made a motion to re-elect Lori as the Secretary. Corey seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.

Adjournment: Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on April 2, 2019 at the township hall at 7:00 pm.