

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Jeff Braam, Dan Briggs, Ray Krieger, Denny Briggs, Mike Gasper, Corey Wojcik

Members Absent: Matt Stahlin, (excused)

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Robert Simpson

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

Corey moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

Corey made the motion to approve the agenda. Denny supported, passed 6-0.

Open discussion for issues not on the agenda

- Correspondence Received: None

- Planning Commission Members: Dan brought up the zoning map project that they started in September. There was discussion on changing some of the district lines from changing land use patterns, possibly add more commercial areas to attract business, add more senior living, how to attract more development, etc. Depending on map changes, the Master Plan may need to be amended to support the zoning district changes. Once the census numbers are in, the Master Plan may be updated. There was some discussion on internet. Vergennes Broadband is going down Potters, Whites Bridge, Richmond to Marble running underground pipes to hold fiber optic lines. The company was purchased by Point Broadband who has much more fiber capability and equipment to run more lines. The previous owners are staying on to keep running things. This was exciting news.

- Members of the Audience: None

Report from Township Board Representative

Supervisor Robert noted that they had Board of Review training today. The Board will need to have an election this year to ask for a renewal of the fire millage. We still need someone to chair the cemetery committee.

Report from Zoning Administrator

There were two zoning permits and two properties in violation with junk, scrap and unlicensed vehicles and a third constructed a building without a permit and seems to be running an auto repair business there.

Old Business

Postponed Map Project – no action

New Business

Elect Officers – Dan motioned, Mike seconded, to keep the same officers with Jeff as Chair, Ray as Vice Chair and Matt as Secretary. Motion carried 6-0.

Set Schedule – The members set for this year May 4, Sept. 7, Dec. 7 and Feb. 1 in 2022 for meetings. Corey motioned, Mike seconded, to adopt this meeting schedule.

Adjournment - At 7:50 PM Ray moved to adjourn, Corey supported, motion passed 6-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 at the Township Hall at 7:00 pm.