

Keene Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

7:00 pm

Members Present: Mike Gasper, Lori Larsen, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Corey Wojcik.

Members Absent: Doug Eddy and Jeff Braam

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Tom Skipper, Judy Kelly

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Corey Wojcik 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 August minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

No change required.

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

The ditches of several of the Township roads have been addressed by the Road Commission.

Report from Zoning Administrator

See written report for October 2017 for details.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. The site plan and associated documents from Cannonsburg Sand & Gravel were reviewed and discussed. The Commission agreed with the purposed changes and they recommended extending the allowable time for cement crushing from two weeks to four weeks (3b). Ray made a motion to accept the changes as requested and extend the time

allowed for cement crushing. Matt seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

2. The meeting schedule was set for 2018-2019. It is as follows:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meetings will be held at the Keene Township office at 7:00 PM.

3. The Cemetery Committee has met with Jeff Ostrander, Marilyn Kahoon, Pat Raimer and Don DeJong to gather information to help guide the cemetery project. Jeff has created a software program that has two components: one digitizes and organizes community artifacts and the second does the same with information about cemeteries. Marilyn and Pat have gathered information about the Pinkney cemetery and they will share it with the committee when it has been captured on a spreadsheet. Don has been documenting historical information about the people who are buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell and he shared many of his techniques and resources. The committee will meet with Brian Vander Hoek on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 at the Township office. They will review the site maps.

Other business

There are several large branches hanging over the roads, especially on Potters Rd. They are causing challenges for the large farm equipment. Corey will discuss the issue at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment: Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Next regular meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2018.