

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018
7:00 PM**

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

Members Absent: Jeff Braam (emailed), Dan Briggs (called ahead)

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: None

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

Corey made a motion to accept the October minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

Jeanne Vandersloot requested that two items be added to the agenda: Setting the meeting dates for the following fiscal year and addressing the term limits of two commission members. A motion was made by Corey and seconded by Matt to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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 there have been complaints about the severe drop along the repaired section of Pinckney Road.

The last board meeting was focused largely on the contention around the fireworks activities on Pinckney Road. The company that is using the displays for commercial advertising was present and apologized for the disturbance. After hearing from all sides an agreement was reached to limit the time and duration of the displays. An agreement will be written to sign by the parties. The Board will monitor the situation and make necessary adjustments.

The Board will also monitor the rules and regulations concerning the growing and distribution of marijuana. He also reported that it is not unusual for his crews to find marijuana plants growing among the corn in the fields. Ray and Mike agreed. The metal cages that support the plants interfere with the harvesting process.

Report from Zoning Administrator

See enclosed report.

Old Business

The Commission reviewed the draft ordinance for wind energy. Jeanne found minor typographical errors that she will correct. The commission agreed that some outside advice was needed. Jeanne will contact a few residents who have experience with wind turbines and bring any information that she gathers with her to the next Planning Commission meeting. Any decision about the Wind Energy Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

The calendar for the Planning Commission meetings was discussed and set. The meeting dates are as follows:

February 5, 2019
April 4, 2019
August 6, 2019
December 3, 2019
February 4, 2020

All meetings will be held at the township office at 7:00 PM.

The term limits for Matt and Lori are due to expire. Both have agreed to recommit for another term on the Planning Commission.

Adjournment: Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Corey seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on February 5, 2019 at the Township hall at 7:00 pm.