

LYON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 4th 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Pete Chippa.

Roll call –Ron Hnizda, Becky Boersma, Eric Carlson, Pete Chippa, and Fred Bradley. Brian Cook is not in attendance as an alternate member.

Approval of the agenda- Move by Becky and second by Eric to approve the agenda with addition. Motion passed.

Minutes of the December 7th meeting that was passed out previously, were approved over the phone last month.

Recognition of visitors- Joyce Belloli.

Open items not on the agenda – planning commission approval of the sewer system proposal, Master plan discussion, night sky lighting, election of officers.

Joyce Belloli of 7117 West Birch Road gave us a short presentation on dark sky lighting. Joyce would like to see the Master Plan changed to include something that addresses residence lighting, and have electrical inspector enforce these master plan changes. We should check to see what current code is in effect. Ask the electrical inspector to check to see what kind of code addresses this lighting problem that we have today. Let's see what rules that are in effect today, before we make change our ordinance. As an example of what is out there today, Consumers Power Company at 4-mile, has bright lights at the substation, and that is why it's so bright when you look to the North. We need information and education on this lighting subject. It could be real complicated. Check with the International Dark Sky Association for details.

Mapplebeck's public hearing was postponed. The hold up, is that the property behind them needs to be included in the rezoning request. We could hold the public hearing on the September 13th meeting (our next published meeting) or before. By June we will know one way or the other. As soon as the Mapplebeck's have the addition added for rezoning, we will call a special meeting after the notices go out to the nearby residence.

Sewer: The paper showed the articles of incorporation in the Houghton Lake Resorter weekly paper. Three members from each township and one at large, to be on the governing board. A public meeting in July will discuss costs and the grants.

Motion by Becky and second by Pete to proceed the with the Gerrish/Lyon wastewater treatment plan. Roll call vote was called for. All members voted yes and no opposition votes. Motion passed.

Becky: Becky wants a copy of the burning ordinance and wants every planning committee member to have a copy of the ordinance. The ordinance should address recreational campfires and restrict the burning of leaves and brush. Somehow, we need to get the message out to more township households. Open burning is not allowed on red flag days. Fines have now been updated to \$500 for every infraction of an ordinance in the township.

Pete: discussion of fire dept sign outside the fire station. Complaint by resident of green lights that came on during a foggy night on old 27 and it was somewhat blinding. Ron to check on the brightness of the sign.

Eric: There is new members on recreation board. They are now responsible for entertainment at the park 27. Becky and Eric are now on that board. Softball is now back at park 27 on Thursday afternoon. One service we perform on Veterans Day is to put wreaths on veterans' graves. Maybe get jail people to help at cemetery to clean the head stones or the Boy Scouts. Roscommon foundation is a good resource for money if you need it.

The planning committee is required to review the master plan that was created in 2002 and should be revised in 2022. Changes to the current plan need to be looked at, and updated if necessary.

Officer Nominations: Becky brought up the following nominations: Chairman: Pete Chipppa; Vice Chairman: Becky Boersma; Secretary: Ron Hnizda. Becky made the motion to appoint these officers, and motion seconded by Fred. Voice vote confirmed the nominations and all votes were affirmative. Motion passed.

Township representative - Eric – subject of sewers. A meeting to set forth the 11 articles of incorporation needs to be set up. Talk of where the public input for the sewer system is to take place. Maybe a good place would be the school gym after this Covid-19 pandemic is over.

Recreation board- nothing

Board of Appeals – nothing

Public comments - none

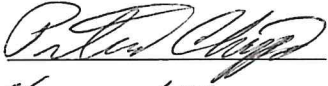
ZBA representative Pete - ZBA looking for new members. Question of if we can be on the ZBA and planning committee at the same time. Steve Colini is now the secretary and John Schalk is the chairman.

Planning consultant - nothing.

Public comment: none

Next meeting on September 13th, and December 6th all at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Eric and second by Becky. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8.50

Approved by Pete Chipppa  (chairman)
Committee approval 4 - YES Date 9/13/21
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