

**MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD: RIVES TOWNSHIP HALL**

July 31, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Roger DeCamp, Dwight Carmer, Cliff Herl, Jim Lindstrom, Phyllis Pitmon.  
All present by roll call vote.

Mr. Carmer made a motion to approve the agenda for the 7/31/17 Planning Commission Meeting, second by Mr. Lindstrom. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 29, 2017 Regular Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for communication from the Township Board. Mr. Carmer reported he has had conversation with Tom Hosler, Rives Quality Meats, regarding his site plan application right of way and all is good with Tom and Rob in understanding the reason for the action the PC has taken. Mr. Herl reported for the Township: 1) At the last Township Board Meeting, they met in the park downtown Rives and discussed the Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP"). Chairman DeCamp presented information on improved utilities, new roadways, public buildings, firetrucks, land uses, etc. and suggested a resolution be made for implementation. It was noted that the Township Board will take ownership of the CIP. 2) Chairman DeCamp also shared information on recreation planning on the Master Plan and suggested a resolution on that as well.

Mr. Lindstrom asked about the lack of progress on the two railroad crossings, Henry and Broughwell Roads, and Mr. Herl responded that Supervisor Adams said that will happen soon. Mr. Carmer questioned when Berry Road would be under construction and there is no answer on that. Chairman DeCamp reported that the MTA workshop has been approved and 4 members of the PC will be attending that on August 23 in Kalamazoo, MI.

At 6:53 PM, Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, John Brennen, talked about zoning ordinances in general and some negative ordinances in other townships. He questioned why he hasn't seen the new Code of Ordinances for Rives. It was explained that we do not have a new one as it was voted down in the last election. We are currently working on the Master Plan and it is a policy guide document for townships for land use and the Ordinance is the primary tool for implementing. Mr. Brennen stated there are too many laws and too much Government involvement. Resident, Stacy Stoner, asked two questions regarding what transpired at the last Township Board meeting and it was explained that the PC can't answer questions in regard to what transpired at the Board meeting; we can only answer for the PC. She stated the Board will not answer questions. Public comments closed at 7:16 PM.

The PC began working with Grant Bauman, Region II, on the Master Plan. We covered Goals and Objectives as follows: Open Space and Natural Areas; Agricultural Land Uses and Residential Land Uses.

At 8:25 PM Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, Stacy Stoner, thanked the PC for their transparency. At 8:27 PM Public Comments were closed.

Chairman DeCamp asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lindstrom made a motion, second by Mr. Herl. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Pitmon, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting Workshop date: **Tuesday, August 29, 2017, 6:30 PM.**

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