

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

October 17, 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. Herl made a motion to approve the agenda for the 10/17/17 Planning Commission Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting, second by Mr. Lindstrom. All ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for communication from the Township Board. Mr. Carmer reported for the ZBA that they met with individuals for three (3) separate variance requests. There will be a Public Hearing on October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM to cover these variance requests. Mr. Herl reported for the Township Board that a Resolution has been passed for the creation of a Parks and Recreation Committee ("PARC") and the first year of establishment being five (5) Planning Commission members. Mr. Herl informed the Township Board that when the PARC meets, it will be following the PC's Regular Meeting, if needed. This will save the Township money by eliminating another meeting date. Chairman DeCamp 1) Handed out copies of the Resolutions for the PARC; and, 2) Informed the PC members that Phyllis Pitmon, Recording Secretary, contacted him giving her resignation as a PC member. She has agreed to stay on the PC until such time as the Master Plan is completed as well as Westers Winery.

At 6:44 PM, Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, Stacy Stoner, asked why people making public comments have to be introduced. Chairman DeCamp explained that the PC members are introduced at every meeting and residents are asked to do the same. Resident, John Brennan, asked when the Master Plan will be ready so that he can read it. Grant Bauman, Region II, answered that a rough draft will be available November/December. The release to the public will be by the Township Board's decision. Mr. Bauman explained that as a rule there is a copy(s) in the Township office and a copy(s) at the Jackson District Library, most likely the Meijer branch. It was asked if there would be a charge for a copy and Chairman DeCamp answered we cannot speak for the Township Board. Public comments closed at 6:52 PM.

The PC continued working with Grant Bauman, Region II, on the Master Plan. He handed out copies of Goals and Objectives changes from our meeting in September and then completed updates on the Future Land Use Map for the Township.

Chairman DeCamp urged PC Members to be prepared to make progress on Westers Winery and go over all the paperwork covering subject matter. The Winery falls under permitted use and is zoned agriculture. The wedding venue is the matter to be settled.

At 8:02 PM Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, Stacy Stoner, said the Fire Station in Tompkins is No. 2 and the Station on Lansing Avenue is No. 3. Public comments closed at 8:03 PM.

Chairman DeCamp asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carmer made a motion, second by Mr. Herl. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Pitmon, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting Workshop date: **Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 6:30 PM.**

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