

MINUTES OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

REGULAR MEETING

HELD – RIVES BANQUET HALL

December 3, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:07 pm.

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

Mr. Herl made motion to approve agenda for the 12-3-18 regular PC meeting Seconded by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made motion to approved minutes of the 11-5-18 PC meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Reports:

Chairman DeCamp asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meetings had been necessary. Mr. Herl reports for the Township Board that 1) a revised ordinance 2018 -1 was passed for outdoor furnaces, 2) ordinance 2018-2 was passed that the Township Board shall prepare or cause to be prepared the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The PC is hereby exempted from preparing the CIP, 3) the Board passed an ordinance 2018-3 for Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments, 4) no action has been taken on Foster Dodd Drain, it needs public bids taken and authorization by MDEQ. Chairman DeCamp handed out Code of Ordinance replacement pages supplied by the Clerk for newly approved Ordinance 2018-1 and 2018 -2.

Public comment was invited at 9:19 pm.

1. Chris Paterson, attorney from Okemos gave information regarding the current status of recreational marijuana law.
2. Stacy Stoner asked why 11-5-18 minutes were approved with 2 typos.

Public comment was closed at 9:22 pm.

Business:

Chairman DeCamp lead PC members through topics to think about for the next regular meeting:

1. Definition for industrial zone.
2. Renewable energy
3. Ordinances review of dates from past failed review
4. YE annual report of PC activity for selves and Board.
5. Consider recommending to the Board their accepting citizen volunteers and appointing a Parks and Recreation Committee.

6. Reviewing the previously discussed budget for the PC.
7. Election of officers for 2019 PC positions

Mrs. Pitmon plans to submit her written resignation from the PC to the Township Board.

As committed in the 11-5-18 PC meeting the PC started discussion and deliberation of Vercilla Hart's 4 page written submission to the PC. It was clarified that "electrical generation facilities (i.e. power plant) means natural gas to electrical generation facilities. PC concluded that medical marijuana facilities are regulated by law and the MP won't add additional wordage. PC concluded that concentrated livestock operations are covered under "right to farm" and therefore additional language won't be added to MP.

Chairman DeCamp read the following prepared question: The PC has developed a new MP, text and maps based on zoning and planning criteria for Rives Township. To the best of our ability and with community input, do you feel you are ready to recommend a new MP to the Rives Township Board? Each and every member answered that he/she was and gave comments and logic to support this conclusion.

Chairman DeCamp made a motion 2cd by Mr. Herl as follows:

The Planning Commission has developed a new Master Plan with the text and maps based on zoning and planning criteria for Rives Township. Surveys were sent, public meetings held and community input was incorporated into the Plan. Therefore, is the Planning Commission ready to recommend to the Rives Township Board the 2018 Master Plan Draft? All ayes.

Secretary Lindstrom read Resolution PC 2018 – 01 for the adoption of the Rives Township 2018 Master Plan. Mr. Herl offered this resolution, 2cd by Mr. Carmer. Roll call vote Herl – yes, Pitmon – yes, Carmer – yes, Lindstrom – yes, DeCamp – yes. All ayes. No nays.

Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Secretary signed resolution and will submit to Township Board.

Mrs. Pitmon thanked the PC for its work and appreciated the transparency and professionalism shown. PC expressed thanks to Mrs. Pitmon for her years of faithful outstanding service to the community.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm Motion by Mr. Carmer, 2cd by Mrs. Pitmon. All ayes.

The next Regular PC meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Rives Township office.