

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVE, FIRE STATION

August 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Roger DeCamp-chairman, Dwight Carmer-vice-chairman, Christine Beecher-ex-officio member from Township Board (TB), Adam Williams-member, Jim Lindstrom-secretary.

Motion by Mr. Williams, 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve minutes of the July 26, 2021 regular PC meeting as written. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher stated that no Township Board (TB) meeting had been held since last PC meeting. Ms. Beecher stated she had attended a Region II PC meeting. Chairman DeCamp stated that he had talked to Township's attorney to get advice as to how to address State legislated preemptions in our Code of Ordinances. Attorney advised that because preemptions frequently occur that the previously discussed handout could be used as a training tool for all Township officials use. He also, recommended that we contact Carlyle Wortman and Associates (CWA) for future help to update these issues in our Code of Ordinances. No other member comments were made.

BUSINESS:

1. Updated Conditional Use Permit (CUP) review – Mr. Lindstrom reported that he had contacted Township Zoning Enforcer, Mr. Cottrell, to review existing CUPs to verify activity. In accordance with Section 17.88 of the Code of Ordinances 2 properties were found to be in nonuse of the conditional use permitted for a period of more than six months and therefore in abandonment of the conditional permit. They are 7160 Jones Rd.- hunting dog kennel, and 1781 Losey Rd – animal rescue operation. All other addresses and permitted uses on the list of active CUPs are still active.
2. Reset Public Hearing date – The chairman stated that due to a technical difficulty the Public Hearing to rezone certain properties is delayed to a future time. He handed out a list of 5 parcels with owner name, address and parcel ID #. Two parcels were new from what PC had considered prior. The Chairman will contact these owners to inform of the change in zoning from Industrial to agriculture. Chairman has verified with the Jackson County GIS that the parcels are zoned Industrial.

Public comment was invited at 7:20 pm.

1. Vercelli Hart (resident) a) stated Tompkins Township is having a public hearing to consider a solar farm on Wood Rd., b) said she supports residential solar c) said if PC uses CWA in future to use their advice, d) made comment on Novi Energy.

Chairman asked if anyone else had public comment. None offered.

Public comment closed at 7:22 pm

Motion by Ms. Beecher 2cd by Mr. Williams to adjourn meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 pm September 27, 2021. It will be held at 8682 Lansing Ave, fire station.