

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board held on July 3, 2017, was called to order at 7:00 PM; opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by State Representative, Scott VanSingel

Present

Stanley VanSingel, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Max Mellon and Janet Lesley

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Max Mellon. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills were received and presented to the board for approval this month.

The Clerk and Deputy will be attending the MTA Clerk Professional Development Retreat this month on the 19th & 20th.

Zoning

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month. There will be a ZBA hearing this month on the 13th. No scheduled PC meeting at this time. The June meeting did not have enough members in attendance for a quorum and no decisions or approvals could be made. Doug Berends, Chair for PC and ZBA board member has resigned to pursue other interests. The board discussed possible replacements in these areas.

There has been a request made for building a roadside stand. At this time, our ordinance does not have this subject covered as well as other items recently discussed such as barn/wedding venues, solar arrays etc. Kim suggested that the Planning Commission hold a meeting to discuss and update ordinances and fees charged to cover anticipated changes in requests. There was also a request made by a disabled applicant that the \$30 fee be waived for persons with disabilities when building access ramps. This will be added to PC meeting discussion.

Fire Report

A report was provided by Larry Bisson along with information on Auto Pulse – CPR device that was recently purchased by the department. He also stated that there will be a new process for election of Fire Chief.

Planning Commission

Not represented this month, updates were provided by Kim Martens.

Open Issues

- The County Road Commission has moved the stop sign at the end of Catalpa to provide better visibility and added a double arrow sign across the street to indicate that the road ends and drivers must turn right or left.

New Business:

- 4 – estimates have been received at this time for the roof replacement. Each one has a different gauge steel and tear off information. We will ask each vendor to provide like information for more even bid information and will table any decisions until our next board meeting on August 7.
- State Representative Scott VanSingel presented the board with a commemorative plaque and our flag that was flown at our State Capitol on May 30, 2017. We will be purchasing a case in which to display both of these items. Scott also provided an overview of what is happening in Lansing and with the state budget.

Public Input

- No public audience present this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 7, 2017.