

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on July 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor; opening with prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Stan VanSingel, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley and Max Mellon

Absent

Gladys VeltKamp

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Edith. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for permits issued in the last month in addition to providing decisions made at the last Planning meeting. Planner will attend the next meeting on the 22nd. Updates for Sections 1 – 8 have not yet been received as promised. Kim has emailed to follow up. Food truck additions will be added to ordinance during this update process. June 11th teleconference was held with attorney regarding a Food Truck request. Requestors did not follow through with an application or escrow to apply for change.

Eddie made a motion to approve the zoning change request from Ag to commercial. This would allow the old church to be used as a banquet venue. The motion was seconded by Janet. All in favor and the zoning change will be recorded.

There will be a ZBA meeting held on Aug. 12th for a non-use variance request to change property dimensions for 2 parcels.

The board has tabled the adoption of additional stand-alone ordinances regarding Junk, Demolition, Noise, Unlicensed Vehicles until the board has more time to review and discuss.

Fire Report

Max provided updates:

The newly purchased rescue boat was used during recent drowning on Hess Lake.

The old tanker truck is now being stored on property. The department is looking at the possible purchase of a mini tanker which is quite costly.

Old Business

- Brian Heminger attended the meeting to provide updates for the sand pit improvements. Focus is improving the southern slope of property to make safer for neighbors. Currently working 8 – 5. Owners would like to keep this an active pit.
- Reseal of parking lot is backed up with completion estimate of mid-August
- The county has requested a decision on the adoption of Hazard Management Plan. Max made a motion to approve, seconded by Edith, all in favor. Motion passed

New Business

- Resident in attendance asking questions regarding the use of a 10 x 40 tiny home on her property for a massage business. The tiny home is on wheels but not considered a mobile home. This request needs to be presented to Planning Commission as a variance. Resident will need to present a site plan including parking, escrow, application etc. to Kim in order to get started.

Public Comment

- No public comments
- The next meeting will be held: Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Leseman, Deputy Clerk