

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016, 7:30PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Dausman with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Prayer. Commissioners present at the meeting; Rich Dausman, Gary Karr, Denise Ruwersma, Steve Gray, and Dan VanDyke. Also present were Greg Ransford, the Wright Township Planner, and Clerk Theresa Frank as meeting recorder.
2. No parking in marked fire spaces was announced.
3. No changes were made in the agenda.
4. Commissioner Ruwersma moved, and Commissioner Gray supported the approval of the August 15, 2016 minutes, with the condition that the word board in number Six (6) be changed to Commission. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
5. No public comments for items not on the agenda.
6. A Site Plan Review was requested by Sharon Langeland on behalf of the Edward H. Peterson Trust to divide property in the Agricultural Zoning District located at 1945 Cleveland Street, parcel number 70-06-15-400-015. The Applicant was not present at the meeting. The application was reviewed and found complete. After discussion Commissioner VanDyke motioned to deny the request because the applicant's request did not fall in line with Section 504.1 (f) 3. (1). Which states the driveway and dwelling shall be located so as to minimize, or avoid conflicts between the residents of the proposed dwelling and nearby farmland and to have the least impact on the ability to farm the adjacent land taking into account odors, pesticide, and fertilizer application, noise from farm equipment operation, and other activities normally associated with farming. And Section 504.1 (f) 3. (11). Which states the driveway and dwelling unit shall be located on land that is difficult or unlikely to be used for agricultural production due to soil types, poor drainage, wetlands, topography, woods, or similar conditions. This motion failed for lack of support.
Commissioner Ruwersma motioned to deny the request because it did not fall in line with Section 504.1 (f) 3, (11) only, Commissioner VanDyke supported, and motion was carried with unanimous vote.
7. Commissioner Karr motioned to table the Five Year Master Plan Review, and Commissioner VanDyke supported. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
8. This meeting was Commissioner Denise Ruwersma last meeting. All the Commissioners expressed to Commissioner Ruwersma how much she would be missed by them.

Denise let the Commissioners know what a wonderful experience she had on the Planning Commission for the last fifteen years.

9. Commissioner Karr wanted Denise to know that the Wright Township Board was also very thankful for her years of Service.
10. Commissioner Ruwersma motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Commissioner Gray supported this motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Theresa Frank Township Clerk, and Planning Commission meeting recorder.