

Planning Commission – August 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Clair Strandlie. Commissioners present were Connie Anderson, Jan Erickson, Gary Pelton, Paul Horgen; Zoning Administrator, Terry Schumann and Clerk, Nancy Hedin.

The minutes from the June 14th meeting were read and approved.

The minutes from the July 12th meeting to discuss the development of a comprehensive plan were read and approved.

Phil White was present. He suggested that the township look to the future for a public sewer system and putting monies aside in helping the public pay for such a system. Discussion followed on public sewer systems.

White brought up the idea of a plan stating that if a sewer system is to be placed in a certain area, property owners are notified of the intent of a public sewer system being placed so that the property owners in that area do not spend thousands of dollars in placing a mound system on their property.

Henry Gretsfield responded representing the MLWSSD and they have been trying to develop a plan for expansion.

Terry Schumann gave the zoning update.

Discussion followed on the zoning changes of the portable storage containers and temporary structures.

Township board members Heidi Kroening, Abe Mach and Pete Steen were present to discuss the changes with the Planning Commission.

Mach questioned approximately how many portable storage containers are in the area that would be affected by this change.

Horgan spoke on putting some restraint on these portable storage containers in residential areas. These containers were not designed for this.

1. A portable storage container must be placed in an area approved by the zoning administrator per set back requirements.
2. A portable storage container may not be on any portion of a public street;

Kroening and Mach suggested striking number 3. Discussion followed to change number three to limiting the time to a twelve month limit.

3. A lot may have any portable storage container on it for no longer than twelve months.
4. A portable storage container may remain on the parcel no longer than 12 months.

The board began discussion on Temporary Structures. (See attached) retype

The board reviewed the comprehensive plan.

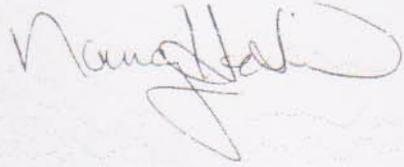
Horgen generated a list of tasks for the job of the Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee.

Henry Gretsfield mentioned placing an ad in the paper for a community meeting to try to involve the public.

Horgen spoke on how to get civic engagement in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mach spoke on getting the public to feel a sense of community. Mach stated that he agreed with Jan Erickson that he wants to keep this a rural community.

Horgen will study ways in getting the community involved.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mangold".