

Victor Township Planning Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 2017

Victor Township Hall, Laingsburg, Michigan

Meeting Minutes

FINAL

Approval Date: August 24, 2017

Agenda Item	
Call to Order	Mr. Dutcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Roll Call of Members	<p>Present: Ms. Sayles, Mr. Dutcher, Mr. Saller, Ms. Fickes, Ms. Ashley, and Ms. Townsend. Ms. Gebbia-Portice was absent.</p> <p>Warren Malkin, Township Supervisor and Doug Riley, Community Development Director, Clinton County were present also.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Doug Riley, Community Development Director, Clinton County talked to the Planning Commission about the county zoning and planning and the county's interaction and relationship to the townships within the county in regards to planning and zoning. We were encouraged to visit the county web site to see the documents Mr. Riley showed us.</p> <p>Clinton County does the zoning including variances for Victor Township. If a township is a charter township, they do their own zoning via their own zoning commissions. For example, DeWitt, Bath and Watertown are charter townships with zoning commissions.</p> <p>Clinton County looks at a comprehensive view of the county and has zoning that flows over township lines. Mr. Riley showed the planning commission several examples of townships zoning maps and the whole county map. They are planning an update in 5 years once new data is received from the 2020 census. Input will be asked for from all the townships.</p> <p>Mr. Riley also explained Police Power Ordinances. They are such things as requiring a burning permit and setting time lines on getting snow removed from sidewalks.</p> <p>Mr. Riley was thanked for his information as it further clarified and added to the information received from the MTA training.</p>
Agenda	A motion was made by Ms. Sayles and seconded by Ms. Townsend to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with no objections.
Minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Sayles and seconded by Ms. Fickes to approve the revised minutes from the May 25, 2017 meeting. (<i>A sentence under 'Master Plan' did not read right and was edited.</i>) Motion passed unanimously with no objections.

Unfinished Business	
Michigan Township Association (MTA) discussion	Table till next meeting. Commission members can review information from Doug's discussion today along with the information from the MTA training.
Playground Equipment	The planning commission would like to have someone (college student) look into ideas for the playground equipment, other fitness activities, senior activities, or other ideas for the township property. Nikki will look for a MSU, LCC or similar student in Landscape Architecture or similar major. After the meeting, several planning commission members walked around the township grounds to review the area. Drainage of the area around the playground equipment will need to be considered as the overall township grounds are flat.
New Business	
DNR grants	Ms. Ashley discussed some information she had found on line about DNR grants. Discussion was had on other possible grants such as ones from Lowes, Home Depot, etc.
Planning commission meeting dates and time	There was discussion on rescheduling the planning commission meetings to Mondays at 6:30pm. Mr. Dutcher will check on the availability of the township hall conference room.
Commissioner Comment	None
Adjournment	A motion was made by Ms. Sayles and seconded by Ms. Fickes to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved unanimously with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
Next Meeting	Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm. <i>(Edit: July meeting was cancelled. Next meeting was August 24, 2017.)</i>

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Check for a student to do preliminary playground/activities planning for the township grounds.	Ms. Fickes
2. Look for possible grants (DNR, Lowes, Home Depot)	All planning commission members
3. Review on line documents related to Doug Riley's discussion of county zoning and planning.	All planning commission members
4. Check on availability of township conference room for rescheduled township planning commission meetings.	Mr. Dutcher

Minutes recorded and presented by:

Julie Townsend, Secretary