

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

Conway Township Hall – 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public: Two attendees.</li> <li>• Township Board Members: Larry Parsons, Trustee, present</li> <li>• Planning Commission Members present: George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Keith Wasilenski, Meghan Swain-Kuch</li> <li>• Planning Commission Members absent: -1-, Chuck Skwirsk</li> <li>• Zoning Administrator: Todd Thomas, present</li> <li>• Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin, present</li> <li>• Township Attorney: Abby Cooper, not required</li> <li>• Township Planner: Chris Adkins, not required</li> </ul>	
<b>Call to Order and Pledge to Flag</b>	<p>Chairperson Mike Stock called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He called roll call. All present except Chuck Skwirsk.</p> <p>The next meeting is September 14, 2020 at 7pm.</p>	
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	<p>Larry Parsons moved to approve tonight’s agenda. Second by Keith Wasilenski. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Keith Wasilenski moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Request from George Pushies to change Attendee verbiage from “absent” to “not required.”</p>	<b>Londa Horton to change “absent” to “not required” for Abby and Chris.</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<p>Introduction of Meghan Swain-Kuch. Meghan needs ZO Notebook and <i>Township Planning and Zoning</i> and <i>Township Planning and Zoning Decision Making</i> from MTA. Londa Horton provided her new ZO copies for Articles: 3,6,13,14,16 and the <i>Historical Reference ZO</i>.</p> <p>Larry Parsons commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents are persuaded to contact their legislative rep regarding sand and gravel mining issues. This is taking control of a local issue. Legislative bill #5979 Senate #431.</li> <li>• House Bill #5673 deals with special assessments for internet technology improvements.</li> </ul>	<b>Liz Whitt to provide Meghan Swain-Kuch ZO notebook and two other MTA books.</b>
<b>Call to the Public</b>	-0-	

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<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p><i>Reviewed Historical Reference ZO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuisance ordinance – “Could we incorporate language of nuisance and outdoor furnace?” asked George Pushies. Motion by Mike Stock to ask for a recommendation from the Board for a nuisance and outdoor furnaces ordinance. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Accessory buildings did have a percentage of rear yard not entire yard, remarked Mike Stock.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ F and G – lots of two acres or less, and greater than 2 acres verbiage discussed, George Pushies. Section F could be all lots /parcels of two acres or less are allowed the following building/structures. “Can a resident have a residential dwelling and principal building?” asked George Pushies.</li> <li>○ Sections F is less than 2 acres as defined in AR and G need to be changed, commented Mike Stock.</li> <li>○ Separately address residential and commercial, recommended George Pushies.</li> <li>○ Londa Horton – liked Section 6.06 O regarding pre-planning for the future of a principal building by not locating accessory in front of principal building. A plot plan is required by Todd Thomas now which should alleviate this confusion.</li> <li>○ Accessory Buildings draft by Chris Atkins, Planner, reviewed</li> <li>○ George Pushies did draft Accessory language for Section 6.06 at March meeting which needs further review now</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Event Barns draft by Chris Atkins, Planner             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Change C from 200 to 500 feet buffer as motioned by Larry Parsons. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</li> <li>○ Keith Wasilenski recommended adding event structure – “N” defined as event structure in header. Strike “barn.”</li> <li>○ Change buildings in first line and farm structure and new structure, remarked Mike Stock.</li> <li>○ O – The Zoning Administrator issues special use permit prior to the event. The Planning Commission could grant a special use permit if residents want to play music outdoors. Change “Village” to “Township.”</li> <li>○ This new ZO requires a public hearing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outdoor Furnace Ordinance new section 6.27 with comments from Abby Cooper, attorney             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Table this discussion pending Board input.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Larry Parsons to get on Board agenda for a recommendation from Board for nuisance and outdoor furnaces ordinance.</b></p> <p><b>Mike Stock to talk with Chris Atkins to further clean up Accessory language</b></p> <p><b>Chris Atkins to revise his Event Barns draft to incorporate changes discussed</b></p>
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<b>New Business</b>	-0-	
<b>Zoning Administrator Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd Thomas gave the ZA report. Three land use permits were issued for July, one for an attached garage.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from the Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Parsons gave an update from the Township Board.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from Land Division Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Pushies gave an update from the Land Division Committee. Two land divisions issued last month.</li> </ul>	
<b>Call to public</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident concerned over possible gas pump going into Kreeger's market. There is no room.</li> <li>• No Dawn Patrol this year due to COVID. This would be the 73<sup>rd</sup> year.</li> </ul>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where are ZBA meeting minutes? Dennis Bowdoin will address at tomorrow's meeting. Remark by Larry Parsons to acknowledge Dennis Bowdoin, County Planning Commissioner, was in attendance.</li> <li>• Londa Horton brought in a <i>Lansing State Journal</i> article regarding Buddhists purchasing a former church in Mulliken and requesting a Special Use Permit to renovate to allow the priest a place to sleep and shower. The Special Use Permit was not granted. One Planning Commission member commented that she wasn't comfortable giving the former United Methodist church to another religion. Since they did not hold a public hearing, the issue will have to undergo another vote on this issue. Headlines called outcome, Blatant Discrimination!</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	George Pushies made a motion to adjourn at 8:52pm, second by Larry Parsons. All in favor. Motion passed.	