

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

## April 11, 2016

| Agenda                                  | Items Discussed   | Actions to be Taken |
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| <b>Attendees</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public: Herm and Shirley Yost, Cindy Dickerson, Torn St. Charles, and one other resident.</li> <li>• Board Members present: Dennis Bowdoin, George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Larry Parsons, Chuck Skwirck and Dennis Sommer. Zoning Administrator Todd Thomas present. Ken Recker of the Livingston County Drain Commission present.</li> </ul>   |                     |
| <b>Call to Order and Pledge to Flag</b> | <p>Chair, Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>The next meeting is May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm.</p>   |                     |
| <b>Minutes from last meeting</b>        | <p>Larry Parsons moved to accept the March 14 regular meeting minutes and the March 15 joint meeting minutes, and March 21 training meeting minutes. Second by Mike Stock. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>   |                     |
| <b>Call to the Public</b>               | -0-   |                     |
| <b>Communications</b>                   | <p>Dennis Bowdoin shared the following upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 13 meeting on sign regulations at Osceola Township Hall</li> <li>• April 26 Adaptive Reuse meeting</li> <li>• May 21 meeting on solid waste at 418 S. Highlander Way.</li> <li>• ZBA training at the Conway Township Hall on April 21 at 6:30pm with Gary Klein, Eric West, Mike Stock, and attorney Abby Cooper.</li> </ul>   |                     |
| <b>Land Divisions</b>                   | <p>Going forward land divisions will be handled by the Zoning Administrator thereby eliminating the need to keep land divisions on this agenda.</p>   |                     |
| <b>Old Business</b>                     | <p>Drain update by Ken Recker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sharp drain is located on Robb and Chase Lake Roads. A map was provided, <i>Sharp Drain &amp; Drainage District</i>. The red dot line is the current drain location, the bright blue line is the area it's draining into Robb and Chase Lake Roads. The objective is to run a suitable drain behind the homes so their sump pumps are not running constantly. This would be a closed drain.</li> <li>• Next step is to invite residents affected to a special meeting to discuss the situation. We need the effect on the Township budget which is typically 25% of the cost. The assessment is typically financed over 10-12 years. Easements are needed and work could be performed within one season.</li> </ul> |                     |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May would be the proposed date of the special meeting. Ken will contact the affected residents by mail. Dennis Bowdoin will contact the Planning Commission and Cindy Dickerson will contact the Township Board once the date is determined.</li> </ul>   |                     |
| <b>New Business</b>          | <p>Zoning Administrator report by Todd Thomas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five land use permits were issued for March</li> <li>• Eliminate two special use permits in question from the last meeting</li> </ul> <p>Dennis Sommer report on meetings attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Livingston County Master Plan meeting discussed Smart Growth which helps shape policies such as protecting open space for a healthier environment. Parts of the population now seek self-contained living environments, driving is minimal, they work on the internet. It generates ten times more tax revenue. Boomers and Millennials' will be 80% of the next generation.</li> <li>• The MTA meeting on March 23 was at the Howell Chamber of Commerce which discussed programs available for lending to lower income people. Conway Township's current population is 35,046 with medium incomes at \$68,000.</li> </ul> |                     |
| <b>Update from the Board</b> | Larry Parsons gave an update from the Conway Township Board.   |                     |
| <b>Last call to public</b>   | <p>Herm Yost commented on the talk today about the Chase Lake Road drain project proposal. It would have been nice to notify those people that would be affected that this was a topic for discussion at the Planning Commission today. There is a new Director, Theresa Cremonte, for Emergency Preparedness.</p> <p>A question over restoning over limestone roads was brought up by a resident. It was explained that this was required to keep the road in shape every few years.</p>  |                     |
| <b>General Discussion</b>    |  |                     |
| <b>Adjournment</b>           | George Pushies made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. Second by Dennis Sommer. Motion passed.   |                     |