

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting
January 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman Jay Peasley. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call showed board members: Jay Peasley, Bob Carr, Jennifer Sherburn and Tami Ballantyne present. Rob Forbes was absent. Also, in attendance was Supervisor Joan David, Zoning Admin. Steve Micklin and Jan Wilson.

Motion by Carr and supported by Sherburn to accept agenda: all ayes

Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Peasley to accept minutes from the October 11, 2018: all ayes

Public Comments: Jay introduced Jan; as she is interested in the Planning Comm. Bob shared that the County Planning Commission is looking into hosting on a joint training session. Steve suggested expanding the commission to 7 members.

Communications: Tami gave Jay flyers that came from the state about farming.

Old Business: The Township Board has decided to table hiring an attorney to address an ordinance regarding second dwellings.

New Business: A) Motion by Ballantyne supported by Carr to vote Jay Peasley as Chairman of this board. Nominations were closed: all ayes

Motion by Peasley supported by Carr to vote Tami as Secretary of this board. Nominations were closed: all ayes

B) Recertification of Master Plan work will start at our July meeting. Jay explained the requirements for this task. All members will be given a copy in preparation.

C) Marijuana opt-in or opt-out was discussed. More data will be gathered for discussion at the July meeting.

Zoning Report: Steve Micklin handed out his reports with a year-end summary. Fischer Propane is 8' inside of his setback listed on Special Use Permit. It will not be brought up to Fischer as our ordinance states 40'. We currently do not have an ordinance specially for Propane nor Gasoline Companies.

Steve has two properties that the Health Dept needs to be notified as having no septic systems.

Recommendations for the board:

1)MTA Magazines are currently not being delivered to all Planning Commission members. We are requesting that our list gets brought up to date.

2) Adding two members to our current Planning Commission bringing it to 7.

3) Additional funding be put in budget to cover costs anticipated in process to Recertify Master Plan.

4) Additional funding be put in budget to cover training and the additional board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne