Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by chairman Jay Peasley. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call showed board members: Jay Peasley, Bob Carr, Jennifer Sherburn, Jan Wilson, Rob Forbes and Tami Ballantyne present. Mike Rosema was absent. Also, in attendance was Supervisor Joan David and Zoning Admin. Steve Micklin.

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

Motion by Carr and supported by Wilson to accept minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting: all ayes

Public Comments: Joan David told of issues she is having updating the website.

Communications: Steve Micklin handed out information for a Citizen Planner Program being offered in Oceana County.

Old Business:

- A) Master Plan recertification can move forward after verbiage for Fire/Police on page 12 has been updated. Font size might need to be smaller to ensure the layout of the rest of the document remains the same. Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Wilson to adopt the updated Master Plan: all ayes
- B) Motion by Wilson and supported by Sherburn to table action on recreational marijuana until next month. Sample ordinances were supplied by Chairman Peasley for review. All ayes
- C) Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Wilson to change the setback on Lake Frontage from the current 100 feet to 50 feet. Chairman Peasley asked for a roll call vote. Forbes-yes, Carr-no, Sherburn-yes, Wilson-yes, Peasley-no and Ballantyne-yes. Motion carried.

D) Samples of both Planning Commission Ordinance and By-Laws for this Planning Commission were handed out. We will take action on both of these next month.

New Business: None

Zoning Report: Steve Micklin handed out his report. He has been sworn in as Constable. New builds are up compared to last year. He is currently in the process of citing 3 properties for violation of the blight ordinance.

Having no recommendations for the board meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne