

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

## August 14, 2017

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
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<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public: Mike Rife, Cindy Dickerson, Herm and Shirley Yost, Bob Carusi.</li> <li>• Board Members present: Dennis Bowdoin, George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Larry Parsons, Dennis Sommer, Chuck Skwirsk. Abby Cooper, attorney, present, Zoning Administrator, Todd Thomas, 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. Dennis called roll call.</p> <p>The next meeting is September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm.</p>	
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	<p>Larry Parsons moved to approve the July 10 (regular) meeting minutes. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>	
<b>Communications</b>	<p>Dennis Bowdoin shared the following communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He received a thank you letter from Rob and Jean from the County that were present last month.</li> <li>• MTA has a <i>Citizen Planner</i> in Howell on Tooley Road for anyone who has not attended previously, \$295 fee Oct. 11, 25, Nov.1, 8, 29, Dec, 6 and 13. 6pm-9pm. Fill out the application online and pay for it up front, attend classes and Board will reimburse you. Once you have the certificate our insurance company reduces our costs.</li> <li>• Oct. 4 and 5, MSU Extension, <i>Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities</i>, 11:30am, \$85.</li> </ul> <p>Dennis Sommer shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Farms and medical marijuana, will be discussed at MTA August 23</li> <li>• There is a bill before Congress now that ORVs can run on the road unless the township says, "No."</li> <li>• Sept. 13 SEMCOG regional transportation plan will provide a Brown Bag at Genoa Township</li> </ul>	

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<b>Call to the Public</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy Dickerson has raffle tickets for the Dawn Patrol golf ball drop, 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25. Money raised goes to fund the cemetery stone restoration project and to the Rotary. Saturday prior to Dawn Patrol there will be a cemetery walk at Benjamin cemetery 3-5pm.</li> <li>• Sept. 9 there will be a Family Emergency Preparedness festival at Tooley Road, reported Mike Rife.</li> <li>• Photo contest winner, Terina Rejc, will receive a certificate and \$100 for her entry for the Master Plan.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Planning Commission meeting closed at 7:13pm.</li> <li>• Dennis Bowdoin opened the public hearing on zoning changes at 7:13pm. Any questions from the public? Cindy Dickerson commented that she liked the agriculture changes. What is the idea behind solar? Land owners have been approached for solar farms so we needed some regulations around this. The public hearing closed at 7:18pm.</li> <li>• The Planning Commission meeting opened again at 7:18pm.</li> <li>• Zoning changes go to the County for input next. Dennis Sommer made a motion to adopt the zoning changes as presented and send them to the County for their review. Second by Mike Stock. All in favor. Motion passed.</li> <li>• John Enos absent regarding changes to Master Plan.</li> <li>• The Sherwood drain started last Thursday and is half-way completed. The Allen and Stow Road drain is completed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Abby to provide forms for the County regarding zoning changes to Dennis Bowdoin</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An application was presented for rezoning to commercial from residential exempt religious request from Asa Kreeger for a general store with local products, local produce, soap, meat, gas to the former Free Methodist Church property at 6995 N. Fowlerville Rd. A convenience store would be a permitted use for commercial property. Commercial property needs only 1 acre and this property is 1.5 acres. The Planning Commission reviewed the application to agree it is complete in order to hold a Public Hearing. Larry Parsons made a motion to deem the application complete at this time and determined that it can be set for a public hearing. Second Londa Horton. All in favor. Motion passed. September 11 will be the Public Hearing.</li> <li>• Todd Thomas gave the Zoning Administrator report. Three land use permits were issued and small batch distillery information was</li> </ul>	<p><b>Liz to put September 11 Public Hearing in the News &amp; Views</b></p>

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	<p>discussed this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Internet Progress Report was given by Cindy Dickerson. She asked for a clarification for a bond versus millage from attorney, Abby Cooper.</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>Bob Carusi asked if this convenience store rezoning will help us get a caution light or rumble strips on N. Fowlerville Rd.</p> <p>Londa Horton asked the status of the abandoned house next to Anna Dietrich. It was foreclosed on and someone bought it from a tax sale. We could determine who now owns this house and ask that it be demolished.</p>	<b>Tax assessor to determine owner of property next to Chet and Anna Dietrich.</b>
<b>General Discussion</b>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	George Pushies made a motion seconded by Larry Parsons to adjourn at 8:20pm. All in favor. Motion passed.	