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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**May 17, 2017**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2017,  
@ 6:30 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan

Members Present: J. Spencer, L. Maurer, J. Southworth, V. Beckwith, K. Cole & B. Lester

Members absent: J. Kruse (unexcused)

Persons in attendance: 9

**Public Comment: Open at 6:32 pm.**  
**None - Closed at 6:32**

Purpose of Planning Commission read by Spencer.

Motion by Beckwith, supported by Maurer, to approve of the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Motion by Southworth, supported by Lester, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2017.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public Hearing: Backyard Chickens**

**Modeled after Grass Lake Village Ordinance.**

**#1: To change from 6 to 10 chickens allowed on a half-acre lot**

**Motion by Southworth, supported by Cole**  
**Ayes; Spencer, Cole, Lester, Southworth, Beckwith**  
**Nays; Maurer**  
**Motion Carried.**

**#2: To change from single-family or two-family dwelling to single-family dwelling only.**

**Motion by Cole, supported by Southworth**  
**All in favor**

**#3: To allow roosters**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Southworth**  
**Ayes; Spencer, Southworth, Lester & Beckwith**  
**Nays; Cole & Maurer**  
**Motion Carried.**

**#4: To require chickens to be confined in an 8x8 coop and attached 100 sq. ft. run.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Cole**  
**All in favor**

**#5: To strike the two-family from this section.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Maurer**  
**All in favor**

**#6: To stand as is.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Southworth**  
**All in favor**

**#7: To stand as is.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Lester**  
**All in favor**

**#8: To stand as is.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Southworth**  
**All in favor**

**#9: To strike from the Ordinance**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Maurer**  
**All in favor**

**Close Public Hearing at 7:37.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Southworth to submit revised ordinance to the Board of Trustees.**

**Roll call vote. All in favor.**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: Roadside/ditch/trash cleanup.**

**Community Service?**

**Research Programs**

**Compensation?**

**Liability?**

**Develop a program: Look into Adopt-a-Highway program.**

**Set an amount to donate to a service club? Allocate in the budget.**

**Allocate the officer on duty to be available in the area.**

**Ask Board of Trustees to address public areas/trash/litter/blight; form a committee.**

**Motion by Spencer, supported by Southworth  
All in favor.**

**Public Comment: Open at 7:52**

**Ken Stevens: Commented on the good job the Township is doing with blight, referring to the building on Ann Arbor Road that was recently demolished.**

**Closed at 7:54**

Adjournment: 7: 54 pm.

Dorothy Dickinson, secretary

**Next meeting: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**