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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 Maurr 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 7th, 2017