

BENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2019

Members Present: Jack Caughey, Tom Fasnaugh, Jeff Locke, Roy Pelfrey, Maureen Sorbet,  
Ben Kudwa, Barb Wickerham

Members Absent: Jason Haigh, Chris Tennes

- I. Chair Person Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. It was moved by Jeff Locke and seconded by Tom Fasnaugh to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018. **Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays**
- III. The agenda was approved
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Chairman Position: Barb Wickerham made the motion, seconded by Tom Fasnaugh to nominate Jack Caughey to be the Chairperson for the Planning Commission for the year 2019. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays

Vice Chairman Position: Barb Wickerham made the motion, seconded by Ben Kudwa to nominate Jeff Locke to be the Vice Chairperson for the Planning Commission for the year 2019. Motion carried 6 yeas; 1 nay

Secretary Position: Tom Fasnaugh made the motion, seconded by Ben Kudwa to nominate Barbara Wickerham for the Secretary position. Motion carried 7 yeas; 0 nays

- V. An update was given regarding the solar panels project.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Roger Wickerham informed the Planning Commission that a Conditional Use Permit request came to the Township Office regarding additional changes to a recent permit that the Commission had approved at a prior meeting. *(CU-5-17-8: Request by Adam and Haley Auvenshine for a change of conditions for an existing Conditional Use Permit which allows for the operation of a Commercial recreation Facility -venue rental*

*for events. Additional request: They would like to construct a 20'x95' (1900 sq.ft. addition on onto the west side of the building to be used for restrooms, storage and prep kitchen area. In addition, they would like to construct a 20'x120' (2,400 sq ft) open lean-to addition on to the east side of the building.)* Due to lack of time to schedule a Planning meeting, he and Jack Caughey reviewed the new request and saw no reason that the request could not be approved. With the approval that was sent to the County a statement was included that due to time restraint this request did not go through the Planning Commission. Supervisor Wickerham apologized to the Commission for going ahead without their approval.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 7:56**

Prepared by: Barbara Wickerham