

BENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019

Members Present: Jack Caughey, Tom Fasnaugh, Jeff Locke, Roy Pelfrey, Ben Kudwa, Chris Tennes and Barb Wickerham

Members Absent: Jason Haigh, Maureen Sorbet

Others who attended the Meeting:

Rick Farrell, Tammy Foster—ZFE, Josh Kosbar, and Nancy and Chuck Middaugh. (Plus one that didn't sign in.)

Call to Order:

Chairman Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

A motion was made by Bed Kudwa, supported by Tom Fasnaugh, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2019. Motion carried 7 ayes; 0 nays. Barb Wickerham mentioned that in the comment section of the November 2019 meeting, Kara Bakke, Geronimo Developer, had said that due to time limits in public comment, they would answer many questions that were addressed to them in writing at the next Benton Township Meeting. At this time no written documents have been received. This also goes for the copy of the presentation that a board member requested.

Agenda Amendments:

Agenda was approved as written.

New Business:

- A. Scheduling of 2020 Meeting Dates: Meeting dates are always scheduled the Thursday prior to the Benton Township Board Meeting. (* are mandatory quarterly meetings if no meeting has been held that quarter).

January 9, 2020

February 6, 2020

March 5, 2020 *

April 9, 2020

May 7, 2020

June 4, 2020*

July 9, 2020

August 6, 2020

September 10, 2020*

October 8, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 10, 2020*

B. Election of Officers: Tom Fasnaugh made a motion, supported by Chris Tennes to have the 2019 officers serve for 2020. That would be:

Jack Caughey as Chairman
Jeff Locke as Vice Chairman
Barb Wickerham as Secretary

Roll Call Vote: Tom Fasnaugh-yes; Jeff Locke-yes; Roy Pelfrey-yes; Ben Kudwa-yes; Barb Wickerham-yes; Jack Caughey-yes. Motion passed 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 absent.

C. Discussion on Interim Zoning Ordinance: Supervisor Roger Wickerham introduced Tammy Foster, our new Zoning Administrator. Ms. Foster gave the Planning Commission a brief overview of the duties of the Zoning Administrator and answered questions that the Commission had. With Benton Township doing their own zoning, the Township also needed to have a "Zoning Review Board". This Board would be made up of three individuals with Jeff Locke attending for the Planning Commission.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 8:10

Prepared by Barbara Wickerham, Secretary of the Planning Commission