

Chairman Denhof called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Helen Dietrich, Dale Fedewa, Martha Fuhst, Troy Goodno & Norm VanDyke. Susan Balcom was absent.

**Agenda Approval-**

Motion by VanDyke to approve the agenda as amended. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

**Public Comment-**

James Kurek stated he believed the value of his home had gone down due to the mining operation that is adjacent to his property.

**Approval of Minutes-**

Motion by Fuhst to adopt the minutes of 8/22/2016 as presented. Second-VanDyke, motion carries.

**Unfinished Business-**

Mining Inspection Reports-annual inspections of Ravenna Gravel and S & J Sand and Recycle were completed, and the reports from the engineer, Mike Oezer, were reviewed.

**New Business-**

Central Dispatch Tower-site plan review was done for a tower to be placed on the Township property. The tower will provide emergency services with improved communication abilities. The existing tower located at the fire station will not be compatible with the new radio system. Tim Smith, Central Dispatch Executive Director, explained the benefits of having the tower located in Chester Township, and that all costs will be covered by Ottawa County Central Dispatch, including removal of the old tower once the new system is fully operational. Motion by Goodno to approve the site plan as presented. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

Application Review Orcutt-the proposed survey for a special use land division was presented. The application was found to be complete and minimum standards for consideration were met. Motion by Fuhst to hold a public hearing at the October meeting. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

Accessory Buildings on Vacant Lots-the current ordinance states that all accessory buildings on a lot with no dwelling must have a special use approval, with a public hearing. A request was made to consider an exception for buildings under 200 square feet in size where the property owner has a home on a lot directly across the street, or within 100 feet of the proposed building site. Commissioners agreed that this should be considered and asked for an amendment to be drafted for discussion at the next meeting.

Site Plan Review Commercial Uses-the allowed and special uses in Neighborhood Commercial were reviewed. All uses are required to have site plan review by the Planning Commission. Personal use of commercial property was discussed. There will be one or more site plan reviews done at the next meeting.

**Adjournment-**

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Janice Redding  
Chester Township Clerk

*(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)*