

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

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Fuhst to approve the agenda as amended. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by Fedewa to adopt the minutes of 10/23/2017 as presented. Second-VanDyke, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Ravenna Gravel-the application for renewal of mining license was found to be incomplete. Owner, Barry Glovick, spoke about his timeline for completion of the project. Motion by TG to table the application pending receipt of a completed application. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

Conklin Classic Annual Review-a report was presented regarding the annual review of the Conklin Classic property. The conditions required under the special use approval were found to have been met, with only a few minor items that will be corrected.

GAPS Seed Special Use Application-this application has been denied as the use is not allowed in the Neighborhood Commercial District. Business owner, Ivy Blackwell, spoke about their business practices at their other locations.

New Business-

Van's Hydraulic-Jim Wilde, representative from Van's, presented a proposal for acquiring property from a neighboring parcel, attaching it to the Van's parcel and rezoning it from Agricultural to Industrial. Motion by VanDyke to schedule a public hearing at the next meeting. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

VanderLaan Land Division-the family is requesting a split of their 60 acre property. The proposal is to separate the house and approximately 15 acres, leaving the remainder in farm production. Motion by Fedewa to schedule a public hearing at the next meeting. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

Goodwin Land Division-the parcel being purchased by the Goodwins is divided by Consumers Energy power lines, but is still considered to be one parcel. A land division is proposed that would create 2 separate parcels. Motion by Balcom to schedule a public hearing at the next meeting. Second-VanDyke, motion carries.

Planning Commission Discussion

January Meeting Date-due to a conflict, it was proposed that the date for the January meeting be changed.

Motion by VanDyke to hold the meeting on January 9, 2018 instead of the 22nd. Second-Fedewa, motion carries.

It was noted that Susan Balcom will be retiring from her position on the Planning Commission. She was thanked for her service.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Janice Redding
Chester Township Clerk

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