

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

Agenda Approval-

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

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by VanDyke to adopt the minutes of 3/26/2018 as presented. Second-Goodno, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Ravenna Gravel License-Werschem updated the Planning Commission and asked owner, Barry Glovick to explain the current site plate. Glovick explained site plan with a 3 year progress goal and the end use would result in a viable solution for owner and township. Motion by Fuhst to approve license immediately but extend to 5/15/2021 according to ordinance which states renewal of licenses are on 5/15 of year. Second by VanDyke. Motion carried.

Solar Energy-Discussion on how solar energy effects Master Plan. The Township will continue to make information & sample ordinances available to the Planning Commission Board. Discussion on commercial vs residential use of solar energy operations. The PC Board would like to see someone, maybe MSU or Ottawa County, to conduct seminar on the pros and cons of solar energy sites.

Master Plan Update-Werschem brought up that any discussion to update Master Plan needs to have an Intent to Plan and notify surrounding communities of that intent. Motion by Herremans to recommend to Chester Township Board that the Planning Commission feels the Master Plan and Land Use Map is adequate as of right now. Second by Fuhst. Motion carried.

New Business-

May Meeting-Motion by VanDyke, Second by Fuhst that May 2018 meeting will be on May 21, 2018. Motion carried.

Eadie Public Hearing

A request was presented to divide approximately 2 acres from the 120 acre parcel at 22160 40th Ave. The owner, Nico Eadie explained site plan. The 2 acres would include the existing house. A small silo and old garage will be removed to meet setback requirements and a new septic system will be constructed on the 2 acres as the current septic system would be left with the remaining 118 acres. The Agricultural Impact Statement has been completed. Motion by Dietrich to move Eadie Land Division to Public Hearing. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

Planning Commission Discussion

Dietrich mentioned that there are some upset Moms that Conklin Recreation had to pay \$50.00 for a sign permit (permit fee is actually \$25.00, not \$50.00) so they could place banners on the fences from supporting vendors. Denhof mentioned that he didn't think that the Township could waive permit fees for anyone.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Evelyn Coxon

Chester Township Deputy Clerk

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