

April 13, 2017

The Portage Township Planning Commission January 19, 2017 meeting was called to order by chair Melanie Watkins at 7:02 PM. Present were Watkins, Ted Soldan, Connie Sherry, Dave Rulison, and Peggy Anderson. Guests Bill Bingham, and Bruce Peterson were also present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Watkins, and approved on a motion by Rulison, seconded by Anderson, and passed.

Bill Bingham was recognized by the chair. He said the construction season was picking up. He said the himself and John Ollila had approved a rental in Dakota Heights. He also said that he had visited the tiny house in Hurontown and that everything looked tidy. The commission thanked Bingham for his report.

Peterson brought up tiny homes, and an addendum to the zoning ordinance was discussed.

The Houghton Power Sports project in Atlantic Mine was discussed. It appeared that the proposed retail part of the project was on hold, and that the new building was going to be entirely cold storage.

The township building permit form was discussed. Peterson suggested that a some verbiage be added that allows the zoning administrator to enter the property to perform his/her duties. Rulison moved that the following wording be added to the application:

"I _____ do hereby affirm the information in this application is accurate, and do hereby give permission to the Charter Township of Portage Zoning Administrator to enter the property described in this zoning permit."

The motion was seconded by Sherry and carried unanimously.

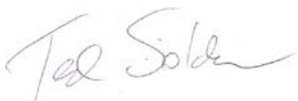
The Civil Infractions and Rental Ordinance documents were reviewed. The township attorney passed on some comments which were deemed editorial in nature. The commission directed Supervisor Peterson to incorporate the changes into both documents and present them to the board at the next meeting.

Rental of single family residences in R2 and below was discussed and will be worked on in the near future.

The next meeting of the planning commission was planned for July 6, 2017. A tentative meeting on May 31 was also discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:29 pm by Rulison, seconded by Anderson, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ted Soldan, Secretary

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1. Ted Soldan
2. Dave Pulver
3. Melaine Watkins
4. Constance Sherry
5. Peggy Lu Anle
6. Bruce Hillman

Bill Brigham