Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Roll Call – Reibel-present, Dotson-present, Kolka-present, Vermeesch-present, Warner-present. Also present is Planner Rueben Shell.

Approval of Agenda-
Motion by Warner to approve the Agenda, 2nd by Reibel. Motion carried 5-0

Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Public Comment – None

Approval of January 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Motion by Warner to approve January 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Dotson. Motion carried to approve Minutes 5-0.

Public Hearing on Special Events Amendment of Township Ordinance
Public Hearing opened at 7:02pm
Amending Ordinance to include Special Event Venues in Agriculture Zoning by Special Use. Amendments defining Special Events and Special Event Facilities in Ag zones.

Public Comments pertaining to the Public Hearing -
Zoning Administrator, Steve Overton, explained why they ordinance was asked to be amended. He stated he has had a request for a Special Events Facility Permit and the current ordinance did not clarify any rules or regulations for this.

Desiree Drewa, Norwood Township resident, stated she was not in favor of the ordinance being changed to include camping due to unwanted activities that happen when weddings or some events take place. She said she was worried about attendees coming on to the neighboring properties. Chairman Kolka explained that there would be rules and regulations that the permit holders would have to abide by to prevent this type of activities.

Dan Drewa, Norwood Township Resident, asked to verify that each Special Use Permit application would still have a Public Hearing and this was verified by the PC. Drewa also asked if camping is allowed in agriculture zone with a Special Use Permit which was discussed.

Public Hearing closed at 7:21pm
Discussion by PC on proposed amendments. The PC reviewed the amendments and all agreed no further changes need to be made.

Motion by Warner to approve amendments to Ordinance to include Special Event Venues in Agriculture Zoning by Special Use and amendments defining Special Events and Special Event Facilities in Agriculture zones, 2nd by Vermeesch. Roll call vote: Kolka-aye, Dotson-aye, Reibel-aye, Vermeesch-aye, Warner-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Planner Rueben Shell explained that the amended ordinance now goes to the County Planner for review for 30 days and then back to the Township Board with the recommendations from the County Planner if any. Then at that time the Township Board approves changes.

Zoning Administrators Report – Read by ZA Steve Overton and report also on web site.

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Communications – None

Public Comment –
Dan Drewa had questions for PC on the enforcement of special events and venues. PC explained that S.U.P.’s will have the rules and regulations attached to them and if these are violated then S.U.P. may be voided by the ZA.

Steve Overton wanted to point out how he appreciated the Norwood Township Web Site and how easy it was to navigate and how it was continually updated especially compared to other Township Web sites. PC Chair Kolka explained that the Board should be thanked for the maintenance of the Web Site.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary