

Norwood Township Planning Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018 Approved Minutes
Norwood Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Welcome – Kolka wanted to let everyone know that former Township Supervisor Frank Hamilton passed away and wanted to mention what a great asset Frank was to Norwood Township.

Roll Call – Reibel-present, Overton-present, Kolka-present, Warner-present, Vermeesch-present.

Approval of Agenda-

MM by Vermeesch to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Reibel. Motion carried to approve Agenda 5-0.

Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Public Comment – Township Supervisor David Ridenour asked the PC to welcome new Member Steve Overton. Steve is a Norwood Township resident who is a West Point Graduate and a retired attorney. Ridenour stated he felt Mr. Overton would be a great asset to the Planning Commission.

Approval of September 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes –

MM by Warner to approve September 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Vermeesch. Motion carried to approve Minutes 5-0.

Zoning Administrator’s Report – Read by Bob Dutcher. Report also on web site.

Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance re-write opened at 7:10 p.m.

Planner Leslie Meyers explained to the public attendees the steps the PC has taken to rewrite the ordinance and the background behind it. Meyers handed out a list of highlights of the Ordinance updates.

Claire Rasmussen, Norwood Township Resident, stated she had several issues she wanted to point out and suggest for the PC to review. These included the following items:

- Section 3.28 regarding animals being removed and the Right to Farm Act for direction on the keeping of animals
- No reference to livestock in Rural Residential
- Category of fences and whether a permit is required
- Tipp of the Mitt recommendations regarding limiting impervious services to 15% maximum and adding wetland permits in to site plan sections

Rasmussen thanked the PC for all their hard work on the Ordinance re-write.

Peggy Vermeesch , Norwood Township Resident, thanked the PC for all the hard work they put forth on the Ordinance re-write.

Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

New Business –

Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Re-write. Discussion by all PC Members.

Warner explained to the PC that the Short Term Rentals must be available in all districts of the Township as recommended by the Township Attorney. Cost of Special Use Permits and an Escrow account for S.U.P.s need to be addressed. Warner told the PC that the Township Board decided on a \$1,200.00 Short Term Rental License Application fee will be charged for initial application and \$250.00 annual renewal fee will be assessed.

Vermeesch asked Claire Rasmussen about what she was referring to regarding the fences.

Kolka would like to address Rasmussen’s concerns on the Right to Farm Act in Rural Residential zone and the Tipp of the Mitt Impervious Surface concerns.

Planner Meyers explained how she will address these issues

MM by Kolka to table the approval of the Ordinance re-write to the November 12, 2018 PC Meeting in order to address the public concerns, 2nd by Vermeesch. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business – Discussed Short Term Rental Update under New Business

Announcements & Correspondence – None

Next Planning Commission meetings will be November 12, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Norwood Township Hall

Public Comment – Supervisor Ridenour said he was ok with the PC deciding to table the Ordinance re-write in order to address the concerns voiced during the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary