

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Minutes
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Koren, Barb Bartley, Kevin Corace, Todd Cress, Bill Duncan, Pat Hebda, Sarah Altomari (Secretary). Others present included Kathy Allen and Judy Wagner.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

MINUTES: Pat Hebda requested to amend the previous month's minutes to add her name to the list of attendees. Pat Hebda made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6 meeting of the Planning Commission as amended. Dave Koren seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

As agreed during the September 6 meeting, the Planning Commission held a workshop to discuss the sign ordinance. Pat Hebda specifically brought up the issue of Miller Tire's noncompliance with the ordinance. Sarah Altomari agreed to send out a letter to Miller Tire to address this issue. Bill Duncan stressed the fact that the township has not been adequately enforcing the sign ordinance. He posed the question of how enforcement should be handled in the future. He suggested that the road crew keep an eye out for nonconforming signs (particularly temporary signs) during their Monday morning drive of the township roads. Barb Bartley questioned whether or not it was worth Jim Halstead's and Sarah's time to go after everyone who has a temporary sign up for too long. Bill responded that there is no point in having a sign ordinance if it is not going to be enforced. Todd Cress noted that both arguments had merit. He compromised by saying that we should certainly go after obvious examples of noncompliance with the ordinance, but that we should not use too many resources on less obvious examples (temporary artisan signs, etc.) Sarah pointed out that the zoning ordinance (which includes the sign ordinance) already contains provisions for enforcement. Kathy Allen then brought up the need to prohibit signs on the new roundabout to prevent distractions and to continue to preserve the rural nature of Clinton Township.

Bill made a motion to recommend to the supervisors that they amend the sign ordinance to prohibit the placement of signs in and around any roundabouts. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Pat Hebda said that, on the whole, she found the sign ordinance to be satisfactory.

Bill announced that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently struck down certain provisions of Act 13. He requested that Dave do further research for the next meeting in order to find out just what affects this will have on the township.

Barb requested an update from Kathy on the Nelson investigation. Kathy said that the new detective is still in the process of filing criminal charges. Barb asked what steps are being taken to prevent such a thing from happening again. Kathy responded that the township is updating the budgeting process and is looking into having an outside firm conduct the annual audit.

PREVIEWERS: The previewers for the next meeting are Kevin Corace and Pat Hebda.

Todd Cress made a motion to adjourn. Barb Bartley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

ADJOURN: Next Planning Commission meeting set for **November 7, 2016 - 7:30PM**