

Rome Township Planning Commission - Special Meeting Minutes - 4 June 2020
(this special Meeting was the May meeting moved into June due to the various Executive Orders by Governor Whitmer - notices were posted)

I. Call to order:

Mike Griffith, Chairman called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7pm at the Rome Township Hall – 9344 Forrister Road - Adrian, MI 49221. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

II. Roll call:

Present: Sheri Wilt, Leo Oswald, Mike Griffith, Jeff Elwell, Pat Bournes, and Jack Griffes
Absent: Kevin Fisher (planting crops)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Minutes read aloud by Jack Griffes due to no hard copies present due to printer failure. Minutes had been emailed to members with email on 6 March 2020 but members without email had not had opportunity to read them.

Motion to approve 5 March 2020 Special Meeting minutes by Pat, 2nd by Sheri, motion passed.

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda: no written agenda due to printer failure. Chairman followed the basic normal agenda but moved the review of the business plan before reports out of respect for the resident's time.

V. Reports:

-Township Board – approved buying tickets and approved road work in several places. Forrister to be paved next year. Doing an experiment by putting crushed limestone down and let trucks pack it before paving so that pavement has a better base and hopefully will not break down on the edge.

-Zoning Officer – two permits - one for a pole barn one for a deck. Got tickets and talked to Twp attorney about how he wanted them filled out. A neighbor lady had complained about Chris Hunt having a group of people over to shoot nearly every Saturday. He was going to look into a range certificate from DNR.

-Zoning Board of Appeals – none

-Planning Board Commission - none

VI. Order of Business:

(due to respect for resident's time the review was done before the reports)

Clayton W. Adkins was present for a review of his business plan for Optimize Heating and Cooling. Clayton submitted a property sketch on graph paper. Two employees park there and then drive a company service vehicle. Had a pretty big pile of scrap metal which he reduced and is now keeping much smaller. General consensus with no dissenting opinions voiced was that Clayton's request for Special Use Permit should move forward to next phase which is a Public Hearing. Rome Township Clerk is respectfully requested to notify nearby neighbors and also put public notice in the newspaper so that Public Hearing may occur on Thursday 25 March 2020.

Nomination and roll call election of Planning Commission officers by Planning Commission members:

- Vice Chairman - Kevin Fisher was nominated for another term. Roll call vote with all Planning Commission members present voting for him to be Vice Chairman another term.
- Secretary - Jack Griffes - was nominated for another term. Roll call vote with all Planning Commission members present voting for him to be Secretary another term.
- Chairman - Mike Griffith - was nominated for another term. Roll call vote with all Planning Commission members present voting for him to be Chairman another term.

VII. Public Comment: A Planning Commission member reported that a resident claimed that the Township allegedly could have applied for a federal grant for road work on Forrister Road.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:11 pm by Jeff, 2nd by Pat - motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned

Meeting including Public Hearing to be held 4th Thursday 25 June 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jack Griffes, Secretary of the Planning Commission

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman _____