

# GRANT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018

**PRESENT:** Tom Stuart, Laura Rodriguez, Chair, John King, Edith Elsenheimer, Joel Newton, Pam Hawley, Brian Heminger and Kim Martens

**ABSENT:** Tim Martis

The meeting was called to order by Laura Rodriguez, acting chair at 7:02 pm. Board members read and reviewed the minutes from the September meeting individually.

John King made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Pam Hawley. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **PURPOSE: Review of Township Master Plan & Ordinances**

- The last update to Township ordinances was completed in 2008
- In review of private roads – 3.45 regarding property splits 1-2 parcels; verbiage is inconsistent in regards to 1-2/3-5 & cluster splits. There is a question as to how many homes can be served with each private road.
- Minimum road frontage is 250'
- The board will take items under consideration for review and/or change
- There is also a need for private road maintenance agreements to be reviewed and decide who will enforce
- A description of cluster zoning lot size needs to be added
- When ordinances are updated the addition of Wood burning/ Solar & Wind energy need to be added
- Single wide mobile homes can be replaced as long as the new one meets the new 960 sq ft minimum requirement
- Sec 3.4 – Walls and Fences also needs to be reviewed and updated
- Other areas for additions and updates are: Home occupations, Right to Farm and the Junk ordinance. This may be a topic of discussion for the Township board. In some cases, complaints and concerns are referred to the District Health Department

### **Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled meeting will take place on December 20, 2018 at 7 pm. At that time the board will review and discuss the first 3 chapters and roads.

### **Public Comments:**

Resident asked what the townships stand is on Marijuana

Following the state vote, townships will set their own policies.

Another resident stated that it would be helpful if board members would wear / use name tags or make introductions at the beginning of the meeting.

Welcome to Brian Heminger, new board member

Tom Stuart made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Edie. All in favor and meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Gladys VeltKamp, recording secretary

Grant Township Clerk