

Perry Township Planning Commission Planning Minute

October 19, 2023

Members Present: Beth Andrus, Mark Fraser, Joe Ocenasek, Larry Place, Walt Saxton, Duane Wood, & Sandra Michalek

President Wood opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag followed by roll call.

Fraser moved, second by Saxton to approve the agenda. Carried

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Township report: Fraser reported the posts along Thornapple Dr. are in the right of way and need to be removed. The SEDP said there is a strategic site in Vernon that will probably end up as an industrial park and get water & sewer from Genessee County. The Land bank is doing a housing study and we will then get a report. The Fire Chief has been fired and this will be going to court.

Unfinished business: Andrus sent 2 letters to the state legislators on mining and renewable energy.

ZBA report: Pete Preston made a mistake on the Davis mining property and identified the wrong property. The land was not a pre-existing use. The gravel pit was turned down for now.

L. A. Auto has applied for a special use permit for his business as recommended.

New business: Discussed A1/2 zoning; A-1 has one house per 40 acres; and B-2 zoning. Andrus has asked us to go through the County zoning ordinance in case we ever do our own zoning. We are to study Articles 1 & 2.

MTA meeting had a presentation on mining. The state is pushing for control on the mining. There are huge problems at the local level for units. Residents complain and boards go along with the residents and the County seems to not care about the residents' concerns. There is a problem state wide that there is not enough aggregate for highways. The aggregate Association cannot get new permits.

John Sawyer (Durling property) wants to build a garage and it would infringe on the neighbors right of way. It would be 34' from the neighbors and should be 50". Fraser moved, second by Place to recommend to the Township Board approval of the setback for the Durling property. Carried

Fraser moved, second by Andrus to adjourn the meeting. Carried

Sandra Micalcik, recording secretary