

Vassar Township Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes (draft)

Vassar Township Hall

January 26, 2017

Call to order 7:13 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Kendall Woodruff

Roll Call:

Present: (Acting Secretary) Erica Aymer, (Vice Chairman) Orv Hartung, Dan Zuzula, Bill Gray,
Bob Reil, (Chairman) Kendall Woodruff

Excused: (Secretary) Fred Welsh

Webcast Training & Discussion

- Technical difficulties with training videos resulted in postponement and rescheduling.
- Bill Gray will take our request to extend the training time frame to the Board of Trustees.
- Discussed Training Choices and length of training videos
 - Planning & Zoning Basics – 60mins
 - Archive of ordinance enforcement part 1 legalities – 90mins
 - Enforcement part 2 tips & tricks – 90mins
 - Board of authority part 1 duties & administration – 120mins
 - Part 2 governing & legislation – 120mins
 - Meeting township needs part 1 &2 – 102mins & 107mins
 - Board of Review training essentials – 108mins
 - Strategic planning part 1 – 80mins
 - Anatomy of a township – 77mins
- Training rescheduled during next regular meeting February 9th, 2017 Township Hall 7pm.

-Follow up with 6'x8' sign site plan from Nazarene Church on Saginaw Rd (thought to have been received in the beginning of November 2016).

-Look into possibility of video chatting excused absent board members to enable actions of a full board.

Old Business

-If marijuana grow pens are larger than 10'x20' should it be considered a permanent structure and/or a fence? Fences & Wall guidelines Section 12.16 on pg 29 in Zoning Ordinance.

New Business

-No New Business

Public Comment

-Russ Fall – Updated on Parks & Rec amendments from B.o.T Special Meeting 01/21/2017.

-Bruce Foether – Referenced TV screen slideshow as an example of how we could utilize digital sign display for Township announcements.

-Further discussion on amendments to Parks and Rec (Official name of park, acreage allotment)

-Notices may need to be sent to land owners within 300ft of Township Park.

- Don Clinesmith - Would like the Planning Commission to consider adding solar farms to our books. Section 12.12, Pgs 25-27 in Zoning Ordinance covers Public Service Facilities, Communication Towers, and Wind Electrical Generation Towers.

-Dan Zuzula – “Fences shall not exceed 8’ in height, fence height shall be measured from the surface of the ground, no residential fence shall contain barbed wire, razor wire, or be charged with electricity” Section 12.16 pg 29 of Zoning Ordinance. He claims there is an already existing pen within the township containing barbed wire.

-Additional discussion regarding marijuana grow pens, is it a fence or structure?

Bob Reil motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bill Gray

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting February 9, 2017 at 7pm (Vicky Sherry & Webcast Training)

Respectfully Submitted

(Acting Secretary in excused absence of Fred Welsh) Erica Aymer