

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2018**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Harris at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Zuhl, Dave Grabemeyer, Jon Tidey, Terry Harris, Tim Feirick, Debbie Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Lindsay Krohne, Building/Zoning Administrator Todd Herter

ABSENT: Jerry Donley, Attorney John Magyar

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to approve the agenda for March 28, 2018. Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Bill Zuhl motioned to approve the February 28, 2018 minutes with the correction in the heading "Motion to approval of minutes" to "Motion for approval of minutes". Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

BUILDING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF REVISED "HEIGHT" AND "BUILDING HEIGHT" DEFINITIONS

Chairman Terry Harris stated that the Planning Commission had been reviewing the revision to "height" and "building height" definitions, considering using the same definition in both places

to avoid confusion. Debbie Brown added that they discussed changing the wording to "height shall be measured".

Terry Harris asked if there were any more changes. He also stated that he would check to see if this change needs to be noticed.

MOTION TO APPROVE REVISION OF "HEIGHT" AND "BUILDING HEIGHT" DEFINITIONS

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to approve the revision of the "height" and "building height" definitions as presented. Debbie Brown seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion followed about how often the Zoning Ordinances are updated by American Legal. Bill Zuhl stated that he believes it is once a year, but is not certain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNSHIP RENTAL ORDINANCE

Terry Harris stated that he reached out to Senator Proos regarding the rental ordinances, but has not received a response. He added that it is a state-wide hot topic right now. Terry explained that the Michigan Realtors Association is involved and there is talk about the townships coming down too hard on the rentals.

Terry explained that Attorney John Magyar is working his way into retirement, and that the township will have a different legal counsel in May. He added that he doesn't think Attorney Magyar will want to get involved in writing an ordinance on rentals with such little time remaining.

Terry recommended tabling the issue, stating that he doesn't think they are ready. Discussion followed. The members agreed that they should wait to see what the state does.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Tim Feirick reported that he has finished the Citizen Planner. He added that he recommends it for the other Planning Commission members if the opportunity arises.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE

Terry Harris stated that he does not have anything on the agenda for April. He added that if nothing comes up, there will not be a meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Zuhl motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by Chairman Terry Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Krohne
Planning Commission Secretary

Jon Tidey, Secretary

To be approved at the next Planning Commission meeting