

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Cindy Selden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Van Lente:

Present: Cindy Selden, Sue Vanlente, Tony Dixon, Evelyn Walkington-Jensen, Andrew Huhn, Marcy Lay
Absent: Ross Schneider

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Tony Dixon to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All were in favor.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Public Hearings opened at 7:01 p.m.

Public Hearing: Rezoning property that was formerly part of Grand Ridge Estates

A large portion of the land that had been designated as R1 when the Grand Ridge Estates were approved has been sold to Bernie and Michelle Pelc who have built a home on the rear of the property. The couple has asked Jeanne about splitting off the parcel where the house is located so that it can be homesteaded. The remainder of the property will be used for agricultural purposes. R1 zoning districts do not allow for farming.

Several neighbors were present. There was a short discussion.

Motion by Evelyn Walkington-Jensen, seconded by Marcy Lay recommend to the Township Board that the property (owned by the Pelcs) along with an adjoining property (owned by Heckman's), and a small parcel south of the subdivision (owned by the Longstreths) be rezoned as AG. All were in favor.

Public Hearing: Rezoning property located in Cutler Road Subdivision

The subdivision on Cutler Road is an unusual situation where the entire subdivision is zoned AG. Because of the small lots sizes, and because all of the other subdivisions in the Township are zoned R1, a motion was made by Tony Dixon and seconded by Evelyn Walkington-Jensen to recommend to the Township Board that the entire subdivision, with the exception of Lot #10, be rezoned as R1. All were in favor.

Public Hearings closed at 7:20 p.m.

New Business: N/A

Planning Commission Member Comments N/A

Future Meetings: The next regular meetings will be held December 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

Motion was made by Marcy Lay, seconded by Andrew Huhn to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.