

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 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, Ross Schneider, Andrew Huhn.
Marcy Lay joined by phone.

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

New Planning Commission member, Andrew Huhn was welcomed to the group.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

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 are building 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.

Motion by Tony Dixon, seconded by Evelyn Walkington-Jensen to rezone 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) to AG. All were in favor. A public hearing will be held at the September 2 meeting.

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 rezone the entire subdivision, with the exception of Lot #10, to R1. All were in favor. A public hearing will be held at the September 2 meeting.

Planning Commission Member Comments N/A

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

Motion was made by Ross Schneider, seconded by Tony Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.