
Minutes of Emmett Township Planning Commission

January 15, 2018

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll call taken with Mueller, Bowen, Reliford, Powers and Dumas present.

Dumas read the December minutes for the regular meeting. Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Powers seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

No printing of township documents for the meeting, Wi-Fi connected, printer connected but printing error on all documents.

Mueller stated that the township board of trustees has established that all township meetings will be recorded. Reliford believes that is it only to be used as a tool if the planning commission needs it. Both experienced recording secretaries, Bowen and Dumas stated that to their knowledge, recorded meetings (by the entity holding the meeting) meeting minutes must be word for word, not a synopsis of the meeting. Dumas showed Mueller her notes that were taken at a MTA training seminar, stated that minutes must be typed word for word and recording a meeting is not recommended. If that is the case, Dumas is not willing to do the extra work and will resign as recording secretary. Dumas will contact MTA to get current and accurate information on meeting minutes and recording the minutes. Resident Dumas stated that according to the planning enabling act, the planning commission adopts by-laws governing their business is conducted. Dumas made a motion to table recording the meeting until more information can be gathered and to possibly use the device only during controversial meetings at the planning commissions discretion. Bowen seconds the motion, with all in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

The planning commission worked on the table of contents for the ordinance book. Dumas has created an automatic table of contents that is linked to the contents of the book. This is very time consuming but it's the best way to locate invisible links within the document creating the page and article numbers to be incorrect throughout the book. We are currently at Article 10 where many errors have been noted. Dumas showed the planning commission the new table of contents and where now all illustrations are included. The planning commission agreed to make solar panels its ^{own} section 15.19, Dumas also had to change Heavy Industrial to its own article which will change the numbering of all following articles. It's the only way to truly correct the errors from the past.

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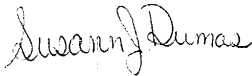
Other Business: Dumas made a motion to accept resolution EPC-Res 2018-1, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Requirements as read. Powers seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Mueller-yes, Bowen-yes, Reliford-yes, Powers-yes and Dumas-yes. With all in favor, motion carried.

Matters pertaining to the general public. Resident Scott asked the planning commission about the solar panel installed on M-21 near Quain Road.

No Communications

Bowen moved to adjourn the meeting 8:20 p.m. Powers seconds the motion. With all in favor, Motion carried.

Recording Secretary of the Emmett Township Planning Commission,



Susann J. Dumas