Minutes of Emmett Township Planning Commission

July 20, 2015

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call taken with Mueller, Korotko, Reliford, Powers and Dumas present.

Dumas read the June minutes for the regular meeting. Korotko made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Powers seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Mueller stated that at the June meeting the planning commission tabled the vote on the zoning and will not take comments at this time pertaining to last month's open hearing so we can proceed with the vote.

Resident Greenia voiced an opinion that he had something important to say before the planning commission votes. He asked why all residents within 300 ft were not notified. He claimed Jones and Boismier did not receive a letter. Dumas stated that those were not names on the list. Both the township clerk and I have made a mistake but it can be corrected, thank you for pointing this out to us. Dumas presented to the planning commission to have another open hearing as soon as possible. Mueller held off the vote until after the next open hearing.

Residents had many additional questions about the rezoning of property including the parcel on Dunnigan and Keegan Rd. Resident OConnor asked if every property have this same procedure to rezoned? Mueller, yes, every rezoning has the same method including the open hearing. Dumas stated that every rezoning has an open hearing, planning commission vote with a resolution and recommendations to Emmett Township Board, reviewed by St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission and final vote by the Emmett Board of Trustees. Other questions by residents were similar to what has been said during the open hearing held in June.

After a lengthy discussion the planning commission decided to hold another open hearing. Dumas made a motion to have an open hearing and special planning commission meeting on August 11th at 7pm for the rezoning of parcel 74-19-027-2002-400 from residential/agricultural to commercial and to send certified letters to all neighboring residents within 300 feet and the area DTE service planner. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried. A resident asked why a special meeting. Dumas explained that the open hearing is for public comment and the special planning commission meeting is for the planning commission to vote. Proper procedure is to open the hearing, listen to public comment, close the hearing, planning commission discussion and vote then finally present and vote on a resolution.

No Communications

Dumas moved to adjourn the meeting 7:55 p.m. Powers seconds the motion. With all in favor, Motion carried.

Recording Secretary of the Emmett Township Planning Commission,

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