

MINUTES
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP HALL
September 4, 2019 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chairman Richard Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Richard Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Erin Nerychel (Secretary), Jessica Shearer (Board Liaison), Jeff Dolphin (Vice-Chair),
- Members absent: Robert Hemmes (Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Jeff Dolphin made a motion to approve the agenda. Erin Nerychel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jessica Shearer made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2019 meeting. Jeff Dolphin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENDING THE MONTCALM TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 21.22 PARAGRAPH D TO REMOVE THE 2.5 ACRE REQUIREMENT AND ADD THAT ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IN A FENCED IN AREA ALSO TO REMOVE TO REFERENCE TO A 50 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN IN SECTION 12.7 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

- Karen Baired commented on the 50 year flood plain
- Paul Houghtaling commented on 2.5 acre requirement
- Mike Nelson commented on 2.5 acre requirement and including chickens as a house hold pet
- Richard Palmer commented on the announcement for public hearing, commented on the 2.5 acre requirement, and the definition for the type of fence that would be required. Also commented on nuisance clause,
- David Ellis commented on the fenced in area
- Diane Fountain commented on the 2.5 acre requirement

COMMENT FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Mike Nelson commented on junk cars

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Jeff Dolphin will be on the zoning board of appeals
- Richard Karnatz commented on the change in the agenda order and comments he made at the township board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

- Tim Rau commented in favor on moving public comments before the PC Board discusses agenda items.
- Richard Palmer commented on old ordinances for junk cars and posting all ordinances online.
- Doug Crowley commented that old ordinances need to be reviewed and updated before added to website.

OLD BUSINESS

- Public Hearing Results
 - Jeff motioned to table the changes to section 21.22 section D. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Jeff motioned to remove the reference to a 50 year flood plain in section 12.7 of the zoning ordinance. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Junk Cars
 - Zoning Administrator having an increase in complaints about junk cars. Recommend township review junk car ordinance and update if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

- Diane Fountain commented on the cost of training and if it is covered in our budget

NEW BUSINESS

- Training
 - Discussed available training and training schedule.
- Master Plan
 - Discussed reviewing master plan

- Meeting schedule
 - Discussed holding next meeting November 6th. No meeting October or December.

Jeff Dolphin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Nerychel, Planning Commission Secretary