

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020

Members present: Chairman Hefferan, Kingon, Cole, Merillat, Lefebvre, and Kopkau.
Also present: Weinzapfel.

Hefferan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of meeting minutes dated December 10, 2020.
Minutes approved as presented by **unanimous consent**.

ZA Report:

Weinzapfel said the township board passed both amendments 2019-01 and 2019-02. The existing rental ordinance is still in effect and the new one will take effect of 2021. We are looking for a replacement for Bruce Murphy. The MTA conference is at the GT Resort. I can send you the information if you are interested.

Agenda:

1. Rezoning Request: Subcommittee Report.
2. Set meeting date for Special Events Subcommittee.
3. Election of 2020 Officers.
4. Review of Bylaws.
5. Discussion of letter from Tom and Tammy Hill.
6. Set agenda for February 11 meeting.

Motion by Kingon to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lefebvre. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

1. Rezoning Request: Subcommittee Report:

Weinzapfel discussed the parcel map that was given to the board members. These are the properties we are looking to rezone from AG to R1. Lefebvre said there is no AG potential for this property.
Discussion of properties outside the platted subdivision.

Motion by Hefferan, seconded by Lefebvre to call for a public hearing on rezoning from Ag to R1 the following parcels: 05-12-430-001-10; 05-12-430-002-00; 05-12-785-014-00 thru 05-12-785-026-00.
Motion carried.

2. Set meeting date for Special Events Subcommittee:

The Subcommittee will meet January 23 at 8:00am.

3. Election of 2020 Officers:

Nominations opened for Chair. Hefferan nominated for Chair.

Motion by Cole to close nominations for Chair. Seconded by Kopkau. **Motion carried.**
Motion by Kingon to approve Hefferan for Chair. Seconded by Lefebvre. **Motion carried.**

Nominations opened for Vice Chair. Lefebvre nominated for Vice Chair.

Motion by Merillat to close nominations for Vice Chair. Seconded by Kingon. **Motion carried.**
Motion by Kingon to approve Lefebvre for Vice Chair. Seconded by Merillat. **Motion carried.**

Nominations opened for Secretary. Merillat nominated for Secretary.

Motion by Lefebvre to close nominations for Secretary. Seconded by Kingon. **Motion carried.**
Motion by Kopkau to approve Merillat as Secretary. Seconded by Cole. **Motion carried.**

Hefferan asked board members to give any feedback on his performance to Weinzapfel.

4. Review of Bylaws:

Discussion of public hearing procedures and if this should be changed during the request for questions for informational only purposes.

#5 on page 3: change to read: Questions from the public and Planning Commission for information only, not being in support or opposition.

Lefebvre commented regarding unrelated comments being ruled out of order. Should this be done more often? Cole and Hefferan said this might be problematic unless the comments are completely unrelated. Hefferan said he will try to do better at being more clear with the public when they are off topic.

Motion Lefebvre to approve the amendment above to the bylaws, date them January 14, 2020, and operate under these bylaws for the next year. Seconded by Kingon. **Motion carried.**

5. Letter from Tom and Tammy Hill dated Jan. 13, 2020:

The letter is regarding the possibility of having a sheep as an emotional support animal in the R1 zone. She is asking for a subcommittee to be formed to discuss this possibility. Lefebvre said she has done some research and there is a township in Michigan that has dealt with this. There is a legal precedent under the Fair Housing Act that would allow this. This was a case from 2018 in Georgetown Township. Lefebvre said she would be happy to be on the subcommittee for this. Kingon asked regarding what the impetus was for this? A neighbor was selling his land and was unhappy about the animal being nearby. Cole said if we looked into this would we be looking at a variance? Lefebvre said she believes it is a federal law that would supersede our ordinance. Hefferan said he seen an abundance of emotional support animals at the court house and it hardly ever goes well. Kingon, Kopkau and Lefebvre will be on this subcommittee. They will meet on the January 21 at 8:00am.

6. Set meeting agenda for February meeting:

1. Public Hearing: Rezone from Ag to R1.
2. Subcommittee Report: Special Events.
3. Subcommittee Report: Livestock in R.1
4. Set agenda for March.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat