

CASS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of March 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by William Zuhl at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: William Zuhl, Annie File, Gwenn Johnson, Andy Anderson and David Fleming

Members Absent: Tom Swartz, Terry Ausra, and David Kring

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Gwenn Johnson to amend the March 28, 2018, agenda to move the Calvin Township Zoning Ordinance to first on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Andy Anderson with all in favor and the motion carried. A motion was made by Andy Anderson to approve the amended March 28, 2018, agenda. The motion was seconded by David Fleming with all in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Annie File to approve the February 28, 2018, minutes. The motion was seconded by Gwenn Johnson with all in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

Calvin Township—Zoning Ordinance

Doug Kuhlman, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance to answer any questions on behalf of Calvin Township. He noted that the zoning ordinance had not been updated since 1997.

The planning commission praised Calvin Township for a well-written and well-prepared document. Concerns were very minor and centered on two sections: 1) In section 403.3D Accessory Buildings, the information in part 1 regarding “lot line” [“closer than ten (10) feet to any other building or *lot line*” could be eliminated since part 4 addresses “setback requirements” anyway; 2) In section 408 Sign Regulations, the statement about not regulating sign content (408.3.5.i) appears to contradict statements about removing political signs (408.4.1.b.xi). The planning commission recognizes that confusion about political signs is one that doesn’t appear to have an easy answer.

A motion was made by Andy Anderson to commend Calvin Township on their work and to approve the Calvin Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Gwenn Johnson with all in favor and the motion carried.

Wayne Township – Zoning Ordinance Addition—Temporary Housing

A motion was made by Gwenn Johnson to approve the Wayne Township Zoning Amendment (Section 1828) regarding temporary housing. The motion was seconded by David Fleming with all in favor and the motion carried.

Howard Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment--#192, Chapter 3—shipping storage containers and semi-trailers

A motion was made by David Fleming to approve the Howard Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding storage containers and semi-trailers. The motion was seconded by William Zuhl with all in favor and the motion carried.

Other Business:

A reception recognizing Barbara Cook’s contributions to the County will be held on May 3, 2018. More details to come.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the County Building, Kincheloe Room