

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 17th, 2022 - 7:30 PM
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Rich Dausman. Also present at meeting were Commissioners Steve VanTimmeren, Brad Anderson, and Ken Zahm. Steve Gray was absent. Theresa Frank was present to take minutes of the meeting, and Julie Lovelace from Fresh Coast Planning was present for support.
2. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
3. Additions to the agenda; None
4. Anderson motioned to approve the Planning Meeting Minutes from September 19th, 2022, VanTimmeren supported. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Public Comments from Randy Reeds, regarding land use in Low Density Residential. Requesting a P.C. feedback for a possible amendment to Chapter 30, Section 110, Division of Platted Lots, of the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance. This allows splits in Ag property but not in low density residential. Reeds and his client Nick Noel were at the September P.C. meeting regarding the same subject. They had been advised to go to the Township Board to see what their thoughts would be on this kind of change. This month Reeds, and Noel came back to the P.C. to further the conversation on this subject. The discussion then went to driveways, shared driveways, and private roads. Randy and Nate would like the Zoning Ordinance to also allow a private road with only one lot. Not the three lots that the ordinance calls for now. Lovelace said the request from Noel would have to be an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, not a Special Land Use. Lovelace will bring more information to the next meeting regarding flag lots, shared driveways, and private roads.
Trustee Anderson was asked to take back what the Planning Commission is considering to the Township Board, which is to permit private road construction in increments rather than all at once. Also, to allow one lot with a private road, rather than having to have three lots as the ordinance states now. No motions were made regarding this subject.
6. Old Business
 - a. New maps and the Master Plan were discussed.
The new Future Maps may need to be corrected. Lovelace will discuss with Greg from Fresh Coast if changes are needed.
 - b. More discussion on migrants housing was had. Planning Commission is working on an Ordinance regarding this to control the size of housing, an amendment to the ordinance might be necessary.
 - c. Discussion regarding Conditional Zoning. Commissioners decided to take the example of the Conditional Zoning paperwork and mark it up with what they think is good for Wright Township.
 - d. Discussions on Solar Gardens has been tabled to November 21 P.C. meeting.
7. Commission Member concerns; None.
8. Township Board review from Anderson has been discussed above.
9. VanTimmeren motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:33; Zahm supported. All ayes motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Meeting Recorder / *Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office*