

Weldon Township
 Planning Commission Minutes
 Monday, August 3rd, 2020 6:30 PM
 Weldon Township Hall
 Information: (231) 378-2477

Board Members:

Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Carrie Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Chris Bobek, Scott Williams & Sue Meredith

Zoning Administrator:

Craig Meredith

Time	Point	Member	Comments
6:30	Call to Order	Chuck Kraus	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
	Roll Call		Present: Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Sue Meredith, Scott Williams, Chris Bobek, Becky Sharp, Carrie Aldrich Absent Excused: Absent:
	Motion	Carrie Aldrich	To approve the meeting's agenda
	Second	Sue Meredith	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Motion	Chris Bobek	To approve the minutes from last month
	Second	Becky Sharp	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
6:31	Discussion	Elizabeth Calcutt	Parks and Recreation Plan discussion. A plan timeline draft was given to the commission. A copy of this is on file with the Clerk. This document contains a bullet list of the discussion points that were discussed. It is titled "Proposed Weldon Township Recreation Plan Timeline - 08/03/2020." There was discussion about the day use park. Scott Williams said that he had heard feedback questioning why there wasn't water access. He asked if this could be a possibility. Chuck Kraus noted that others had brought this up about other areas as well. There a discussion about different ways to gather information

from the community about parks and recreation topics of interest. Questionnaires were discussed. Having someone at an event such as cleanup day was discussed. It was discussed having someone at cleanup day to give out a questionnaire. Cleanup day is September 19th from 9 am to 1 pm.

It was discussed that not all people utilize cleanup day. The thought was that we would get a good turnout this way and that we could also make the questionnaire available online.

It was discussed that we should add a question asking if the person is a resident of Weldon Township.

Scott Williams brought up a concern that people who have lived here for decades (30 years) that don't know what Parks and Recreation options are available. How can we get this information out. There was a discussion about this.

It was discussed that Weldon has a lot of land that is owned by the state and that limits the land available for parks and recreation. Water trails were discussed. It was asked if there was a way to track how many people were looking at the parks and recreation plan online.

Elizabeth Calcutt will be on the Agenda for September.

Zoning Administrator's report.

Craig Meredith

On file with the Clerk as submitted by Craig Meredith. Craig mentioned a webinar coming up in August for Short Term Rentals. Information on this is in the report on file. Craig will pass information on this to Ron Hitesman (Supervisor), Sally Bobek ((Treasurer) and Charles Kraus (Planning Commission)

7:00

Parks and Rec Subcommittee

Carrie Aldrich

Discussed that we'll be submitting a plan at a future meeting.

Old Business

All

Discussion of current rates for permits and the possibility of increasing the fee structures. Craig agreed to come up with recommendations for a new permits and fee structure. This should stay on old business.

Discussion of zoning workshops. Arthur Mullin talked to Chuck Kraus. Arthur recommends two xxx hour workshops. A list of

priorities that Arthur came up with were discussed. Arthur also recommends that we are in a larger space as our township wouldn't be large enough if we're following social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19. Chuck Kraus contacted Crystal Mountain and found some times that they had conference rooms available. August 29th and October 3rd from 8 am to 1 pm.

Crystal Mountain offered to do this. Costs, food, coffee, etc... were discussed.

After the zoning workshops, we'd then have to have a public meeting to review things. We agreed to work with Crystal Mountain rather than looking at other sources for conference rooms.

We discussed that we could get both meetings for around \$300. We feel that this would be a minimum cost without food. This is an estimate. Crystal Mountain offered the space for free, but there may be a conflict of interest there, so Arthur Mullins suggested they charge \$150 per meeting.

Chuck Kraus will bring this to the Township and report back to the Township Planning Commission. This topic needs to stay on Old Business.

New Business

7:17

Discussion

General discussion.

It was discussed that the building next door is for sale. Has the Township considered purchasing it. Sue Meredith said it hasn't been brought up in a Township meeting. It was mentioned that there was little property available for The property could be possibly used to help expand the garden or to make a community center.

7:21

Meeting Adjourned

Chuck
Kraus