

Weldon Township
 Planning Commission Minutes
 Monday, August 2nd, 2021 6:30 PM
 Weldon Township Hall
 Information: (231) 378-2477

Board Members:

Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Carrie Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Phyllis Kladder, Chris Bobek & Sue Meredith

Zoning Administrator:

Craig Meredith

Time	Point	Member	Comments
6:31	Call to Order	Chuck Kraus	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
	Roll Call		Present: Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Phyllis Kladder, Chris Bobek, Carrie Aldrich, Sue Meredith, Becky Sharp
			Absent Excused: Absent:
	Motion	Rob Aldrich	To approve the meeting's agenda with the correction of Chuck Kraus's name and to move zoning and administrators discussion from new business to old business.
	Second	Chris Bobek	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Motion	Becky Sharp	To approve the minutes from the last meeting.
	Second	Carrie Aldrich	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Zoning Administrator's report.	Craig Meredith	On file with the Clerk as submitted by Craig Meredith.
	Committee & Special Assignment Reports	Rob Aldrich & Chuck Kraus	Shed has been delivered. General discussion about improvements at the day use park. There was a discussion about possibly putting a picnic table in the area. Discussed invasive species. Discussed possibly getting bike racks for the day use park.

Old Business	Elise Crafts	<p>Notes from the open house about community concerns were compiled and made available to those at the meeting and are with the clerk.</p> <p>We specifically discussed: Zoning Administrators Duties relating to "community patrols". This was offensive to some. We decided to remove this phrasing.</p> <p>RVs, Campers - We discussed removing the need for a permit and the four week limit. We're recommending april 1st - November 30th, one per property.</p>
Motion	Carrie Aldrich	<p>Makes a motion to amend the language in the zoning ordinance in regards to campers and RVs, that there is no need for a permit, and to allow a recreational vehicle to be placed on a lot where there is no primary residence between April 1st through November 30th every calendar year for recreational purposes, including camping, and further to take out the language pertaining to community patrols. Only one recreational vehicle shall be allowed per lot.</p>
Second	Chris Bobek	
Old Business	All	<p>Discussed short term rentals and nuisance abatement - that we should ask the township to consider these topics.</p>
New Business	All	<p>Discussed Planning the Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Revisions. We discussed posting rules.</p> <p>We talked about having a 6 pm Planning Commission meeting Tuesday September 7th (instead of Monday) because of Labor Day and then having the Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance after that at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>In the agenda and during the meeting we would switch between the Planning Commission meeting and the Public Hearing with a motion (or declaration). After that, we would make another motion (or declaration) to reopen the Planning Commission meeting in order to make decisions.</p> <p>Elise Crafts will make the zoning ordinance available as a PDF to the Township for printing, website or to email as they see fit.</p>

	Motion	Rob Aldrich	Makes a motion that there be a 6pm Planning Commission meeting Tuesday September 7th (instead of Monday) because of Labor Day and that the Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance be at 6:30 pm that evening.
	Second	Chris Bobek	
	Correspondence	All	General discussion about changes Crystal Mountain is doing that affect wetlands.
	Visitor Comment	All	<p>Concerns raised about credentials. There were concerns mentioned about the timeframe that recreational vehicles can be used april - november. It was also brought up that campers should be allowed to visit.</p> <p>There was a question about if someone could build a pole barn before a permanent home is on the property. It was discussed that the new proposed rules would allow this.</p> <p>There was a concern brought up about commission members who live in Thompsonville being members as this commission's guidelines affect only Weldon Township outside of Thompsonville.</p> <p>There was a discussion about diversity of interests and how that should affect zoning in rural areas.</p> <p>There was a comment about other winter activities that campers could be used for that might change the date range suggested (</p>
7:40	Meeting Adjourned	Chuck Kraus	