

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

EMS Building
July 24, 2018
6:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Sloan Chairman
Mark Freude Vice Chairman
Wayne Williams Secretary
Matthew Counts Board Rep
Martha Haglund Commissioner
Peter Manwiller Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolyn Henry Commissioner

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Joe Daus
Township Planner Paul Montagno
Township Attorney William Fahey

Chairman Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The roll was called.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Counts, seconded by Manwiller, **“TO APPROVE THE JULY 24, 2018 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.”** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Freude, seconded by Williams **“TO APPROVE THE JUNE 26, 2018 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED.”** Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No additional correspondence.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

(Commissioner Counts reported on the following items)

- Continuing maintenance at the WWTP.
- The Township office will soon be implementing a new credit card system.
- Extended the Sign Moratorium for another 120 days.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

(Chairman Sloan reported on the following items)

- Two petitioners' variances were approved.
 - 1) Jack and Samantha Easton were approved for a -270' variance to allow for solar panels in the front yard setbacks.
 - 2) Michael Whitehead & Megan Errair were approved for -10' variance to allow new house construction in side yard setback.

ZONING REPORT:

(Zoning Administrator Daus reported on the following items)

- Waiting to hear back from Schmucks Brewery on their Site Plan.
- Leo's Coney Island's Site Plan should be coming to the Planning Commission next month.

PARKS REPORT:

Commissioner Haglund reported on the following items)

- The Open House for Parks and Pathways in Howell Township was the 17th. Haglund reported a good response. The survey will be open until August 10th. Hopefully there will be something in place by the September meeting.
- The Livingston County Master Plan is out for review for 60 days. Handed out a sheet showing the most used words that were used during their public participation. (Sidewalks, walking paths, small stores, services, nature trails, farmer markets, housing, nature preservation, growth management, bike paths, community parks, wild life are few of the examples.)
- Discussion followed on residents who want to keep the area more country like and those who want these types of amenities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SIGN REGULATIONS

- Township Planner Montagno went over the newest draft of the Sign Ordinance explaining that we want to make sure the definitions are consistent throughout the Definition Section and the Sign Ordinance Section. Want to clarify the requirements.
- The commissioners discussed and asked many questions to the Township Planner, Township Attorney and the Township Zoning Administrator. Many of their questions were about what restrictions and or regulations a township can place on a sign ordinance. Also discussion on signs on limited access roads versus unlimited access roads.
- The Township Planner will have a new draft for the Planning Commission next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No response.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Williams, seconded by Counts, **“TO ADJOURN.”** Motion carried and meeting adjourned at ~~7:06 P.M.~~ 8:08 P.M.

Approved: _____ X _____

Andrew Sloan, Chairman

As Presented: _____

As Amended: _____

Wayne Williams, Secretary

As Corrected: _____ X _____

Dated: _____ 08.28.2018 _____

Debby Johnson, Recording Secretary