

Reynolds Township Planning Commission
November 5, 2015, 7:00 pm Meeting
Minute of Meeting as Follows

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Roll Call:

Members Present: Robert Richards, Pete Groendyk, Dave Kohn, Rick Eversole, Aaron Kindel, Paul Mason.

Members Absent: None

Public Comment: No comments at this time, Chairman Dave Kohn stated that the public may ask questions at any time during the meeting as different items come up.

Board Comments: Pete Groendyk stated we are here to listen to the public and welcome their comments.

Consent Agenda:

Approve October 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Aaron Kindel and second by Robert Richards, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Old Business: Keeping of animals section 2.13, to consider possible changes be more in compliance with the Farm Act.

After numerous discussions of keeping of animals and how the Farm Act affects it, listening to the public with concerns in order to have some chickens, a few goats and other farm animals and how it affects the 4H children in our residential areas; it was brought to our attention if you drive through our township,

there is no real difference in the different types of zoning between the three different classifications.

After listening to the pros and cons and how we could best serve the community, at-this-time, it was suggested that we reach out to the Township Board and ask for a moratorium to be put in place on section 2.13 of the township ordinance on a temporary basis, until the Reynolds Township Planning Commission is able to research and receive public input and seek legal advice on how to best recommend the proposed ordinance change to our Township Board. A motion by Rick Eversole to draft a letter in two parts to request a temporary moratorium to be placed on ordinance section 2.13 Keeping of Animals, while the Reynolds Township Planning Commission tries to resolve this issue; secondly, to ask the Township Board to authorize the Township Attorney to be present at our next two meeting to answer questions and give guidance and recommendations on the legal aspect of the Right to Farm Act and keeping of farm animals in a residential area. Motion by Aaron Kindel and second by Pete Groendyk, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried to draft a letter.

Public Comments:

The topic of medical marijuana once again came up and there was a short discussion on how the laws keep changing and revolving. Chairman, Dave Kohn said it would probably be put on next year's ballot. No further action was taken on this item at this time.

Commission Comments:

Adjourned at 8:40 pm, motion by Aaron Kindel and second by Pete Groendyk, 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.