

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

7:01 Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Funke

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners present: Chairman James Funke, David Holmes, Joe Wooding, Jeff Melvin, Martha Bregger

Other attendees: Annie Davidson-Funke,

7:04 Jeff Melvin read the minutes from the June 1, 2016 meeting: David Holmes moved to accept the minutes as read with one spelling correction. Joe Wooding supported the motion. Passed unanimously.

7:08 New Business

A. Commission membership was discussed.

There will be a need for a full-time member and an alternate member after the November 8 election. Martha Bregger has agreed to remain on the commission as an at-large member. James Funke has been in contact with Matt Miller but has not heard back from him. Jeff Melvin stated that he would contact Richard Ely. David Holmes mentioned that it would probably be advantageous to advertise the open positions in the Van Buren Reminder.

B. Current events were discussed.

James Funke addressed the Charlie Dotson parcel. Discussion ensued regarding the #425 documents that cannot be located regarding the parcel being annexed to the city as part of the development of the Arlington Station subdivision. Taxes are currently being collected by the City of Bangor. There was agreement that the #425 document needs to be located and that zoning concerns regarding that property have been addressed.

James Funke addressed the property on the east side of 48th Street between 24th Avenue and 28th Avenue. The east side of the road has been flooding. It is alleged that the landowner near Lower Scott Lake has impeded the drain near the lake, thus backing up the water to the west. It was determined that this issue needs to be communicated with the drain commissioner as a first step and then possibly with the DNR or DEQ.

7:25 Old Business

A. Township Plan

It was discussed that there is not much to update other than the presentation of the maps. David Holmes has agreed to present new maps with software that he has available to him. David suggested that we speak to the plan in December and compare maps at that time.

B. It was discussed that the commission members review the goals, objectives and policies for the December 7 meeting.

C. Medical marijuana growing sites were discussed. The question needs to be answered regarding whether these sites are commercial or agricultural.

D. Corporate/factory farms were discussed. The commission needs to be proactive in addressing this area should an operation of this type be brought forward for consideration.

7:42 Public comments

There were no public comments.

7:45 The meeting was adjourned by Chairman James Funke at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Melvin