

**ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
QUARTERLY MEETING 9/7/22**

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Donna Romanak, at 6:04 PM

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited

**Roll call** was taken-all members present: Donna R, Donna Bell, Joe Wooding, Tina Loomis, Jill Sanborn, Georgette Peterson

**Others Present:** Scott Graham (Township Attorney), Danielle Golembiewski (Township Assessor and Zoning/Ordinance Officer), Annie Funke (Resident)

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with additions of Ethics in PC Bylaws and Solar Energy

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of PC Workshops on 6/29/22, 7/13/22, 7/27/22, 8/3/22, 8/10/22, and 8/24 approved unanimously with one correction of the date of the 6/29/22 meeting being corrected from 6/28/22.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Annie Funke noted that a public hearing is scheduled for the Smith Gravel Pit and she did not see anything in the newspaper for them or for the North Coast property. Attorney Graham explained that a proper application is required for the Smith Gravel Pit and the North Coast Property is no longer a PUD as they are now only planning on a restaurant and bar, instead of a wedding venue.

**New Business**

The MTA Planning & Zoning Hot Topics Seminar that was held on August 31, 2022 and attended by all PC members, was discussed. Jill commented that they focused on easiness and redefined short-term rentals as motels which would only allow them to be in the Commercial District. Donna R commented on Solar Energy which was the main focus of the talk.

After much discussion, **Jill motioned** to add the following to the PC Bylaws:

1. Must not financially benefit from their positions.
2. Must not receive special benefits by virtue of their positions.
3. Must not practice secrecy in decision making.
4. Must not allow favoritism and bias to cloud their actions.

**Motion was supported by Georgette. Motion carried** unanimously.

**Jill made a motion** to add the following to the PC Standards of Conduct:

1. Must not divulge confidential information to unauthorized persons.
2. Must not represent personal opinions as that of the township.
3. Must not waste township resources or use for personal benefit.

**Motion was supported by Georgette. Motion carried** unanimously.

**Old Business**

- 2003 Zoning Map is last one adopted so it is the one the county has
- the 2008 never correctly adopted; some residents paid to have zoning changed to commercial; there are some documents (e.g., minutes) supporting 2008 map's properly zoned districts
- the land use plan 2018 has no impact on getting 2008 adopted; only time it matters is if anyone wants to change zoning then need to see if it is compatible with master plan recommendations
- Scott recommended zoning administrator review and make updates to 2003 map to bring it up to what has been done zoning wise then have PC review and make recommendations to Board so it can be adopted and submitted to county (compare 2003 to 2008 for changes to make it accurate, using supporting documents; e.g., minutes)

**Public Comments of non-agenda items:** None

Attorney Graham recommended that topics remaining to be discussed should be identified for the next PC Workshop. Included in these are Fences, Land uses - permitted and special uses (using the chart that Jill developed) and identifying definitions that PC members think may need to be added, deleted or changed.

**Board Comments:**

Tina played a recorded video of a loud, humming noise coming from Dragon Fly Marijuana Grow, on CR 215, that has been intermittent for weeks. This morning she recorded it at 6:53 AM in her house and at 7:55 AM in her driveway. Attorney Graham will follow up on this complaint.

In addition, there was discussion about a house on 28<sup>th</sup> and 56 ½ Street that has been condemned, is still standing and a hazard. Attorney Graham will look into this.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Georgette Peterson, Secretary