

**OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

The Ovid Township Planning Commission was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 7:31 p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Chris Donbrock, Jim Snivley, Tammi Schorfhaar

Others present: Gregg Gemmill, Russ Jennings, Max Benjamin, Ryan Kinsey and Lloyd Walrack

Andy AcMoody noted that an item needed to be added to the Agenda – under New Business #3, “Review Zoning Permit Fees & Fines” was added. Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the September 4, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting minutes, seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Lloyd Barrows requested to rezone property at 311 Smith Road and do a land split back in January 2015 but nothing more was ever done. Russ Jennings will look into this situation further to see where Mr. Barrows is in the process and what needs to be completed in order to move forward.
2. Ryan Kinsey requested that he be allowed to build a barn structure for wedding receptions at 429 Warren Road. This is currently zoned Rural Residential. The Planning Commission will ask our Consultant for a definition of a “quasi-public facility” and of a “country club” as these definitions may apply under a Special Use Permit.
3. Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to regroup “Commercial >5000 and Commercial Solar Panels” under one item and to move Wind Turbines to a separate item in the Zoning Permit Fees & Fines schedule. It was noted that the Wind Turbines fee will be per site. Jim Snivley supported; motion carried.

Zoning Report: Russ Jennings presented the September 2018 Zoning Report.

Public comment: Gregg Gemmill mentioned that there has been some conversation about metal storage pods (containers) and whether or not they require a permit. It was agreed that if the structure is permanent, it would require a permit. The Planning Commission will ask our Consultant for further clarification on the temporary pods and how they should be treated.

Lloyd Walrack asked for clarification on water run-off as it pertains to the County Building Codes.

Max Benjamin asked for clarification on how often the Planning Commission has had to address water run-off issues. Russ Jennings said that he has been Zoning Administrator since 2004 and it has only been addressed one time.

Due to the National Election on November 6, 2018, Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to reschedule the next Planning Commission meeting to Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Chris Donbrock supported; motion carried.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Snivley; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.