

Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2013

The ~~regular~~ ^{regular} meeting of the Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 8:00 PM.

Present: Haubenstricker, Grueber, Scherzer, and Frahm

Absent: Reid and zoning administrator Friend.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed, and the seventh paragraph was revised to clarify that "...a survey would be necessary for a decision/recommendation regarding allowable buildable splits." The minutes were approved as revised.

Meeting dates were approved for 2014 and 2015 as the first Tuesday of each month.

There was a brief discussion of the status of the city owned EDC property on Gera road. The city is not pushing for rezoning of the east part at this time, due to ongoing legal challenges on the Loesel property. It was further agreed that any rezoning should only be considered as part of an overall review of the master plan.

The commission discussed a variance request from Rich McLain on Reese road. The requested lot size is slightly over 2 acres. This will allow the parcel to continue to be used as it is currently, without changing driveways, etc. It was the consensus of the commission that this would be acceptable, but a variance would be required through the ZBA.

It was noted that winds appear to have damaged one of the small billboards on Junction Road, used by Zehnders. Per chapter 5 of the zoning ordinance this type of sign is no longer permitted and the sign should be removed if the repair cost would exceed 50% of the original cost.

There was considerable discussion on the issue with the Saginaw County Equalization Department assigning new numbers to all parcels during land divisions. This will complicate record keeping when there are buildable splits that should stay with the parent parcel. The commission will review the zoning ordinance and look for options to keep clear records.

There were no updates on the draft Wind Energy Ordinance or any actions regarding Medical Marijuana. With no other issues to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Frahm, Acting secretary.