

Brooks Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
APPROVED
January 13, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present, Phil Knape, Pat Baker, Danielle Hummel, Ryan Schultz, Matt Arthur, Mark Guzniczka

Members Absent: Mark Pitzer

Staff Present: Joe Selzer, Cory Nelson

Vice-Chairman Knape, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was properly posted and a quorum of the Brooks Township Planning Commission was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Baker, seconded by Hummel to amend the agenda by removing #1 from Unfinished Business and replace it with Short Term Rental Ordinance. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Hummel to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Seltzer stated he received information from Planner David Jirousek regarding Short Term Rental Ordinance-members have a copy.

Unfinished Business:

Regulation for Vacant/Abandoned Buildings-This was added back in as more information was submitted by Cliff Bloom regarding the regulations for Vacant/ Abandoned Buildings as nothing had been done with it and the language agreed upon earlier did not have the extensive remedies or teeth the township wanted included, so it was brought back to the members for further discussion. More information will be sent and a rewrite of the ordinance to be done and forwarded to the members and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Short Term Rental Ordinance- Discussion among the members regarding the e-mail from Jirousek regarding the language submitted -that the number of days should be 27 not 30; the length of the license to be 1-2 or 3 years and what the fee should be; decided 3 years at a fee of \$150.00 if township board approves, with a renewal after that time; none of the air B&B's would be grandfathered in, as this will be a stand alone ordinance; asked if Croton Township

had a similar ordinance as they have Air B&B's also; how many violations would be allowed before revocation of license, members thought 3 violations would be adequate . It was advised that the ordinance be set up like the other ordinances of the township in sections and this will be done and sent to the members for further discussion at the next meeting.

Continued Ordinance Review- The members felt this should be removed from future agendas until a specific matter comes up for discussion.

New Business: None

Staff Update: Selzer mentioned the language change he wanted added to Sec 3.04 a Camping-Temporary by adding "from April 1 to November 30", to keep people from living in campers, trashing property, etc. This language addition will be included at the next Public Hearing the PC holds at a later date.

Public Comment: At this time a couple members of the public voiced their concern of a homeowner that is causing considerable problems in their neighborhood by leaving junk and trash all over the place and in the road easement and cul de sac which is preventing road maintenance; burning trash; cars and/or campers all over; allowing contaminants to drain into a wetland; mistreatment of animals; all which drive down property values. Cory and Joe both agreed that all the above is true and that the township really needs to have an ordinance with the ability to can deal with such blatant violations and disrespect of other property owners, like the above in the township, as they are getting out of hand.

Planning Commission Members Comments:

Adjournment: Motion by Baker, seconded by Guzniczka to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Baker
Planning Commission Secretary