

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES  
August 28, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Planning Commission was held on August 28, 2018 beginning at 7:30PM. The following members of the Planning Commission were present: Richard Mazich, Nathan Roush, William Fredericks, Nancy Ogden and William McFadden. Also in attendance were: Township Solicitor Alfred W. Crump, Jr., Township Supervisor David Wartzluft, Township Supervisor Nathan Ohlinger, Township Supervisor Duane Bennetch and interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Chairman Richard Mazich.

The minutes of the July 31, 2018 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. On a motion by William McFadden, seconded by Nathan Roush, the minutes of the July 31, 2018 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Zoning Ordinance Review/Amendment Project** – Jackie Hollenbach, Ludgate Engineering and the Township Solicitor reviewed Article 12 in advance of tonight’s meeting and recommended several revisions to Article 12. Township officials reviewed and discussed Article 12 and the recommended revisions by Ludgate Engineering and the Township Solicitor. The following revisions were discussed:

- Section 12.03.1 – Add a semicolon in paragraph two after “Zoning Hearing Board”.
- Section 12.04.2(b) – Change first sentence to read as follows: “Any non-conforming building or structure of which the basic structural elements are partially destroyed, or which is partially destroyed but which has all basic structural elements remaining, may be reconstructed or restored and used for the same use or a conforming use....”

Township officials agreed to review and discuss Article 13 (Administration and Enforcement) at the September 25, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agricultural Security Area Applications (2)** – Two additional applications were received by the Township requesting the inclusion of land to the Township’s Ag Security Area:

- Kurt Lebo, 230 Schweitz Road – 37.02 acres (Tax Parcel ID#: 75-5461-00-32-0792)
- Eric Lebo, 231 Schweitz Road – 96.35 acres (Tax Parcel ID#: 75-5461-00-11-9533)

On a motion by William McFadden, seconded by Richard Mazich, the Planning Commission recommended the inclusion of 230 Schweitz Road (Property ID#: 75-5461-00-32-0792, 37.02 acres) and 231 Schweitz Road (Property ID#: 75-5461-00-11-9533, 96.35 acres) to the Township’s Ag Security Area. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Proposed Revisions to the District Township Zoning Ordinance** – Rockland Township received a copy of the proposed District Township Zoning Ordinance and Map for review and comment. A public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2018 at the District Township Building, and any comments are requested by September 26<sup>th</sup>. Planning Commission members were asked to review the District Township Zoning Ordinance and provide any comments at next month’s meeting to be held on September 25, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

Nancy Ogden inquired about what action the Township has taken with regard to prohibiting a Township Supervisor to also serve as the Township Roadmaster. The Township Solicitor informed Nancy Ogden that the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2018-08 at their June 12, 2018 monthly meeting prohibiting the appointment of a sitting Township Supervisor to also serve as the Township Roadmaster.

Nancy Ogden suggested Township officials consider adding language to the Zoning Ordinance reminding residents that Rockland Township is a rural pro-ag community and to expect rural, agricultural-related activities.

Nancy Ogden inquired whether a person can file a complaint with Rockland Township, if he/she does not live in the Township.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM on a motion by William McFadden, seconded by William Fredericks.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary