

County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Bill Bailey

Jim Gurr, President

Barbara Bradford

Jason Helwig

Dawn LaVanway

Gary Lockwood

Bruce Priemer

Rick Teague

Ron Tschudy

Minutes – August 4, 2020

Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Bill Bailey, Jim Gurr, Barb Bradford, Jason Helwig, Dawn LaVanway, Gary Lockwood, Bruce Priemer, Rick Teague, Ron Tschudy

Members Absent: None

Staff and Others: Jeremy Scott, Pete Garwood, Don Miles, Matt Heeres

In compliance with Executive Order 2020-154, which extend a previous Executive Order allowing public bodies to conduct public meetings remotely during the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, this meeting was held utilizing a Zoom webinar for virtual attendance.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Jim Gurr

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None

4. Public Comment

Candy Hoeksema, Andrea Hoeksema, Travis Chellis all spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Banks Township ordinance pertaining to outdoor recreational establishments. Banks Township resident Matt Heeres indicated he has un-farmable land and feels unfairly treated by the Township, saying the township will not re-zone or work with him.

Banks Township Planning Commission Chairman Don Miles told members he was available to answer questions from the Banks Township Zoning perspective.

5. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Barb Bradford to approve the August 4, 2020 agenda as presented.

Motion – Passed Unanimously

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Barb Bradford, to approve the minutes from March 3, 2020 as amended.

Motion – Passes Unanimously

6. FY2021 Agenda

Commissioner LaVanway proposed a reduction to the FY2020 Per-Diem to \$1,500.

Motion by Dawn LaVanway, seconded by Jason Helwig to decrease per diem budget by \$1000

**Motion Passes Unanimously
(Corrected 9/1)**

7. Banks Township: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Ms. LaVanway said if items deemed “personal matters” come before the Planning Commission in the future, that all parties should be informed of the meeting.

Motion by Bruce Priemer, second by Rick Teague, that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no inconsistencies between all proposed amendments to the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance and the Antrim County Master Plan.

Roll Call:

Yes – Teague, Priemer, Tschudy, Gurr

No – Lockwood, Helwig, LaVanway, Bradford, Bailey

Motion Failed 4 to 5

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Dawn LaVanway, that the Planning Commission to make no recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Banks Township Zoning Ordinances.

Roll Call:

Yes – ~~Lockwood~~ **Lockwood**, Helwig, LaVanway, Bradford, Bailey

No – Teague, Tschudy, Priemer, Gurr

Motion Passed 5 to 4

(Corrected 9/1)

9. Various Matters/Public Comment

Mr. Teague and Mr. Lockwood thanked Mr. Heeres and Mr. Miles, as well as members of the public, for their participation.

Mr. Tschudy wished those on the ballot today good luck.

Mr. Priemer and Mr. Helwig offered their support to Mr. Heeres on his track.

Ms. LaVanway wanted to remind everyone of the importance of government fiscal responsibility **during these times of COVID-19. (Corrected 9/1)**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06