

County of Antrim - Planning Commission

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Minutes – November 3, 2021
Antrim County Building, Board of Commissioners Room

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

Members Absent: Dawn LaVanway, Barb Bradford

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jim Gurr, Chairman

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Bill Bailey to approve the November 3, 2021 agenda as presented.

Motion Passes – 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Ron Tschudy to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021, as amended.

Motion Passes – 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

7. New Business

Banks Township Zoning Amendment – Firearms Training Facility

Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Jason Helwig that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no incompatibilities between the Antrim County Master Plan and the proposed zoning ordinance amendments to Articles III, VI, and VIII pertaining to Firearms Training Facilities and recommends that Banks Township approve the changes.

Motion Passes – 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Additional Comments and Observations to be Included in the Communication to Banks Township:

The Commission wondered whether the Township meant to limit use of the range to law enforcement and training facilities for concealed pistol license (CPL).

Additionally, the Commission wondered whether the definition of a firearm is too restrictive. In the proposed language the definition of a firearm is as follows:

“ Firearm: A weapon limited to on-duty law enforcement caliber pistols, shotguns, and rifles.”

Does that mean an individual training for a CPL could not use a .22 caliber for instance, as it is extremely unlikely to be used by an on-duty law enforcement officer?

8. Various Matters

Discussion took place regarding how the reduction of the Board of Commissioners from nine to five members might affect other County committees and commissions, such as the Planning Commissions.

9. Public/Member Comment

Members of the Planning Commission reviewed the re-districting map for the Board of Commissioners. There was a question regarding District 3 and 4 – essentially why is there a small dogleg of green district (district 3) protruding into the yellow district (district 4)? Why is it not square off?

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.