

**Keeler Township
Planning Commission
August 22, 2017**

Members Present: Craig McCoy, Don Blackmond, Ron Jacobs, Carmen Fleischauer, Robert Nichols, Bill Bloom, Jon Lucker.

Guest Present: Allyn Anthony, Bills Kays, Carl Davis, Ben Baker, of Wightman and Associates.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Ron Jacobs stated a quorum of 7 out of 9 members were present. Dave Rawson and Bill Krohne were absent and excused.

The meeting minutes for July 25, 2017 were read and Carmen Fleischauer moved to approve the minutes as written. Roberta Nichols seconded and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Ron Jacobs stated there were a couple of items before the board. Keeler Township Supervisor Bill Kays also has something for the board.

1st Order of Business: Keeler Township Supervisor Bill Kays told the commission that the Keeler Township Board and the Corridor Improvement Authority (C.I.A.) are working together and would like to apply for some recreation grants, but in order to do that, a current Community Recreational Plan must be in place. The townships last Recreation Plan is not current to apply for grants, as it was written for the 2010-2014 years. The Keeler Township Board and the C.I.A. are working with Wightman and Associates to update the Recreation Plan. Ben Baker from Wightman and Associates was present and spoke to the commission about what is needed to update the Keeler Township Community Recreation Plan, the timeline of the re-write.

2nd Order of Business: Zoning Administrator Allyn Anthony spoke with the Planning Commission about the townships lack of zoning for Solar Panel Energy Farms. Chairman Ron Jacobs stated that he felt the commission needed the townships counsel of Katherine Kaufman on the matter and Bill Kays agreed.

3rd Order of Business: Zoning Administrator Allyn Anthony spoke with the Planning Commission on the zoning for commercial portable signs. He stated that some of the portable signs have popped up in the township and that he has noticed the owners. Mr. Anthony stated that he would like to have counsel clarify some of the wording in the ordinance and review the ordinance for their input. Some of the commercial properties do not have the 15 feet from the property line to meet the ordinance requirements. He would like that lowered to 5 feet to address the commercial sign issues. Chairman Ron Jacobs stated that he felt the commission needed the townships counsel of Katherine Kaufman on the matter. Bill Kays said that he will see if they can have Katherine Kaufman review the matters and possibly come to the next meeting.

Chairman Ron Jacobs stated that Dave Rawson was moving and that his intention was to resign from the Planning Commission. Ron Jacobs stated that if the commission had any recommendations for someone to fulfill Dave Rawson's term to please forward them on to Bill Kays.

Chairman Ron Jacobs opened the meeting up for any public comments. Carl Davis said that another possibility could be to lower the Planning Commission membership from 9 to 7 people. Ron Jacobs felt that 9 was a good number. Upon hearing no other comments, the public comment portion was closed and the commission entertained a motion by Don Blackmond to adjourn the meeting. Craig McCoy seconded and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Sexton
Recording Secretary