

**Keeler Township  
Planning Commission  
March 28, 2017**

**Members Present:** Bill Krohne, Craig McCoy, Don Blackmond, Ron Jacobs, Dave Rawson, Roberta Nichols, Jon Lucker

**Guests Present:** Bill Kays, Carl Davis, Jeff Johnson, Paul Stockert, John Krohne, Don Blackmond Jr., and 5 other members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Ron Jacobs stated a quorum of 7 out of 9 members were present. Mr. Jacobs stated that Carmen Fleischauer was sick and Bill Bloom was still out of state and that they were both excused.

Keeler Township Zoning Administrator Allyn Anthony had a heart attack and was in the hospital.

The meeting minutes for February 28, 2017 were read and Bill Krohne moved to approve the minutes as written. Dave Rawson seconded and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Ron Jacobs stated the only item before the commission was the public notice for possible property rezoning on the Northside of Magician Lake.

**1st Order of Business:** Consideration of changing the zoning form Rural Residential, RR to Single Family Residential, R-1 in the described parcels in Section 33 and 34 of Keeler Township.

Don Blackmond and Bill Krohne requested to recuse themselves from the consideration due to having family members that are property owners in the subject lands. Chairman Ron Jacobs accepted their recusal and noted the commission still held a quorum, all were in favor.

Ron Jacobs then opened the meeting up to public comments. Keeler Township Clerk, Carl Davis stated that he had received two letters concerning the possible rezoning and he then read them aloud. Clark Smith wrote a letter supporting the change of rezoning. Janice Korn also wrote a letter objecting to the rezoning. Jeff Johnson stated that he didn't understand the map of the proposed changes and Bill Kays went over the map with him. Paul Stockert stated that if the land was rezoned, the only access to any possible new lots would be from a private road. He also stated that he is against the rezoning. John Krohne stated that he would be in favor of the rezoning and thinks it is what the township needs to do. Don Blackmond Jr. stated that he would be in favor of the rezoning. Upon hearing no other public comments, Chairman Ron Jacobs closed the public comment portion.

Jon Lucker moved to recommend to the Keeler Township Board to accept Proposal #1 be changed from RR to R-1 and no changes to Proposal #2. Ron Jacobs seconded and a roll call vote was taken. Craig McCoy- Opposed, Ron Jacobs- Support, Dave Rawson- Opposed, Roberta Nichols- Opposed, Jon Lucker- Support. Roll call vote of 3 Opposed and 2 Support and the motion was not carried. No other motion was proposed and the Planning Commission will not recommend this matter to the Keeler Township Board. The matter is closed and died from a firm vote.

Chairman Ron Jacobs asked if there was any other public comments before the commission. Carl Davis stated that there is an election on May 2 for a millage for Van Buren County.

Upon hearing no other comments, the commission entertained a motion by Craig McCoy to adjourn the meeting. Roberta Nichols seconded and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Sexton  
Recording Secretary