

Newton Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes February 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

Roll call was taken, members present – Stan Wawzysko, Michelle Barnes, Rick Westphal and Sue Ann Jessup. Eric Dittmer was not present.

October 2020 Minutes were read and approved by all.

New Business:

- Election of officers was held for the 2021 year, each position had 1 person nominated, they all accepted, and were unanimously approved – Chair: Stan Wawzysko, Co-Chair: SueAnn Jessup, Secretary: Michelle Barnes
- The following dates were set for meetings: March 16th, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd
All meetings are planned to start at 7pm.
- We discussed having public hearings more frequently. Trying to avoid large amounts of information at one time, jumping between multiple articles, etc.

Old Business:

- We talked about the 2020 survey we sent to members of the Township. We found majority of results seemed close to the 2007 survey. Most of the additional comments were pertaining to the severity of the roads. Recommended posting the results to the township website and add an informational section about how funding for road repairs works. Thank people for returning, let them know we are listening. Maybe even reach out for ideas on repairing roads.
- We will need the 2020 census to finish Master Plan updates.
- We finalized our approval to send Article 8 changes to the county.

Next meeting: March 16th at 7pm

- Plan to start Article 9, possibly work on Master Plan Survey (each of us need to review the survey summary from 2007 with 2020, fix the wording to work for the 2020 survey within the Master Plan)

We adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted Michelle Barnes