

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 23rd, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 23rd day of January, 2014, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Fackler at 7 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Geraldean Berry, Kent Gierman, Bud Fackler, Phil Madeline and Nancy Szerlag. ABSENT: Dave Penzien (Chairperson Penzien arrived at 7:20 p.m.) and Robert Stockwell. ALSO PRESENT: Planner Dave Birchler and the public per the attached sheet.

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the September 18th, 2013 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Gierman to approve the September 18th, 2013 regular Planning Commission meeting as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Penzien and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers:

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MOTION by Fackler, seconded by Szerlag nominate David Penzien as the Chairperson of the Attica Township Planning Commission for the year 2014 and moved further by Fackler seconded by Berry that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Penzien and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Gierman, seconded by Berry to nominate Robert Stockwell as the Vice-Chairperson of the Attica Township Planning Commission for the year 2014; and moved further by Berry seconded by Gierman that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Penzien and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Szerlag to nominate Bud Fackler as the Secretary of the Attica Township Planning Commission for the year 2014; and moved further by Szerlag and seconded by Gierman that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Penzien and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Planner Birchler: Review and Amend Ordinance for AFC Rules:

Planner Birchler reviewed the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act (Act 218 of 1979)

and reviewed items that should be considered for an Adult Foster Care Facility Ordinance. An individual is considering opening an adult foster care facility in Attica. There was discussion. Planner Birchler will look at Attica's ordinance.

3. Fracking Discussion: (Chairperson Penzien arrived at this point in the meeting)

There was discussion regarding fracking and the possibility of fracking in Lapeer County. Attorney Gildner stated that preliminary review indicates that local communities may be limited in regulating fracking. Planner Birchler stated that it may be wise to reevaluate the performance standards section of the ordinance. Attorney Gildner will investigate the scope and limit of the township's authority regarding fracking.

4. Park Playground Grant:

Secretary Fackler distributed guidance for a MNRTF (Michigan National Resources Trust Fund) development grant. There was lengthy discussion regarding the grant. Planner Birchler advised the Planning Commission not to make any expenditures until the grant is signed by the governor.

5. Attorney Gildner: Progress on Police Powers Ordinances:

Attorney Gildner updated the Planning Commission on his progress of gathering all of the Police Powers Ordinances and updating them. There was discussion regarding blight issues in the township.

6. Planner Birchler: Soil Removal Ordinance (setback update):

Planner Birchler updated the Planning Commission regarding the Soil Removal Ordinance and distributed a draft of Section 305. Requirements for Pit Operations with possible revisions. There was discussion.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT:

a) Secretary Fackler has received a complaint that an individual is shucking peanuts and throwing them on the walking track in the park, the complainant is allergic to peanuts. There was discussion regarding posting a No Peanut Zone sign.

b) Secretary Fackler received a call from Lapeer Community Church informing him that they will be sending him a plan for their green space in the near future.

ATTORNEY REPORT & CONSULTANTS REPORT: None.

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by BERRY seconded by Gierman to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bud Fackler, Secretary of the
Attica Township Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary