

Fredonia Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes from April 16th, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Shortly after 7:00pm Chairman Crandall called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Members Present Fred Woods, George Crandall, Jill Settineri, JC Skowron, Bob Zalewski, Genie Rogstad and John Dietz

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Robert Hawley, Aaron Begg, Jim Tedder (ITC representative), Steve Estey (Outside Council for ITC), Matt Hetzner (Inside Council for ITC)

New Business:

Robert Hawley provided an update about ITC and the City of Marshall's request to amend our zoning ordinance in reference to essential infrastructure. The new ordinance would primarily remove the separation between essential services and essential service buildings.

Reviewed ordinance and discussed items such as: set-backs, environmental issues, zoning entitlements and homeowner rights, eminent domain

Benefits to the Township of Fredonia were reported as the possibility of more jobs in the area due to the ability to get additional electrical load to Brooks Industrial Park (more industry).

Some concerns that were raised included: property owner awareness, potential cost to Fredonia Township, and benefit to Fredonia Township.

The Planning Commission felt it would be beneficial to have our own attorney review the suggested zoning amendment with focus on: **1.** Is this a good fit for our new proposed zoning? **2.** What, if any, liability would our township have? **3.** Are there issues that could impact the township in the way the amendment is written currently?

John Dietz made a motion to have a public hearing about the proposed amendment. George Crandall seconded. Following a verbal vote the motion was passed unanimously.

Will discuss with Doug Damon, Township Supervisor about an acceptable way to conduct a public hearing during the Covid-19 shutdown.

Additionally, Aaron Begg requested a rezoning of privately owned property from Mobile Home to Agriculture. The owners want to build a single family home on their property, but since it is zoned Mobile Home, they are not able to proceed.

Genie Rogstad made a motion to move the request to the Township Board with our recommendation that the parcel be rezoned from Mobile Home to Agriculture. Fred Woods seconded. Following a verbal vote the motion was passed unanimously.

At approximately 8:50 a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Zalewski and seconded by Genie Rogstad. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.