

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2020

Conway Township Hall – 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Items Discussed</b>	<b>Actions to be Taken</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public: Two attendees.</li><li>• Township Board Members: Larry Parsons, Trustee, present</li><li>• Planning Commission Members present: George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Meghan Swain-Kuch, Chuck Skwirsk</li><li>• Planning Commission Members absent: Keith Wasilenski</li><li>• Zoning Administrator: Todd Thomas, present</li><li>• Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin, present</li><li>• Township Attorney: Abby Cooper, not required</li><li>• Township Planner: Chris Adkins, not required</li></ul>	
<b>Call to Order and Pledge to Flag</b>	<p>Chairperson Mike Stock called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He called roll call. Keith Wasilenski absent.</p> <p>The next meeting is November 9, 2020 at 7pm.</p>	
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	<p>George Pushies moved to approve tonight's agenda. Add item B to the agenda per Mike Stock, attendance for Certified Planner and attorney. Second by Larry Parsons. All in the favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Larry Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>	
<b>Communications</b>	-0-	
<b>Call to the Public</b>		

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<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Chris Atkins, our Planner, sent two drafts, one for accessory buildings and one for event barns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris took our ordinance and changed it for accessory buildings. George Pushies commented that it was convoluted and recommended Deerfield's ordinance is simple rather than this, i.e., one-minute it refers to accessory buildings and one-minute houses on a lot, or another structure. Do not write it all in the same paragraph. We have residential and commercial in our ordinance intermixed.</li> <li>• George Pushies recommended that Mike Stock send the Deerfield Accessory Ordinance to Chris Atkins for review. Use Deerfield as a guideline.</li> </ul> <p>Chris Atkins revised our event barns draft. Have Abby Cooper review private easement for item G.</p> <p>Outdoor furnances - the Board has to make a decision on this. Abby Cooper wants a separate section in the Zoning for this issue.</p>	<p><b>Mike to advise Chris we would like something more simplified regarding accessory buildings.</b></p> <p><b>Mike to have Abby review private easement for item G event barns.</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Have certified Planned and attorney present at our meetings in the future, recommended Mike Stock. It would be advantageous to have Chris here to hear discussions for rationale.</p> <p>Dennis Bowdoin commented that most townships have their Planner present when you are making revisions so a decision can be made. Then after a draft is written, it is provided to the attorney. At least have Chris here and after the draft, invite Abby to be present until we are ready to vote on it. Chris can be released to go home after his items are addressed on the agenda.</p> <p>Accessory Dwelling Units referenced in Deerfield Ordinance in Section 17.29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Parsons commented it sounds like aging parents can age in place, but it doesn't have to be family. Todd Thomas thinks what is being said is murky.</li> <li>• Shall we move this to old business? The intent is to provide for aging parents, i.e., the immediate family, due to financial hardship on the elderly. This may be a big investment and if the elderly go to another care facility and it's tied only to family members. In that case they are out their investment, commented Larry Parsons.</li> <li>• How would you enforce it?</li> </ul>	

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<b>Zoning Administrator Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Todd Thomas gave the ZA report. He had Land Use permits for two home attached garages and one deck issued in September 2020. One of the homes will not be starting due to the lumber start increase.</li><li>• He sent a letter to Asa Kreeger that the Planning Commission approved changes to the original site plan known as SPR-01-08 for property ID: 4701-34-200-006, located at 6995 N. Fowlerville Rd. He asked that Asa complete the approved changes in a timely manner.</li></ul>	
<b>Update from the Board</b>	Larry Parsons gave an update from the Township Board.	
<b>Update from Land Division Committee</b>	George Pushies commented that there were no updates from the Land Division Committee.	
<b>Call to Publis</b>	-0-	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Mike Stock made a motion to adjourn, second George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:27pm.	