

Planning commission meeting

May 11, 2021

Call to order by Chair Doug Proctor

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call taken by secretary Tara Chapko

Present: John Dennis, Gail Witter, Mark Ryan, Craig Keiffer, Doug Proctor and Tara Chapko

unexcused absent :Ed Hagerman

Also present: Tony Brown , zoning administrator

Motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2021 by John, 2nd by Mark. Motion carried.

Public comment: Doug introduced Tony Brown as our new zoning administrator welcomed him and thanked him for applying for the position. No other public comment at this time.

New Business: Doug has been reviewing our current zoning and feels based on current conditions we should reevaluate the size of home based businesses. Our zoning currently permits 900 sq. feet. Doug asked for discussion of increasing the size to 1600 sq. feet. We would still require all other conditions to be met in order to have a home based business. No negative conversation was received. Will look at and discuss this further. Changes would still require a public hearing.

Old business: Solar and wind turbine ordinance. Doug stated that the township board has chosen to have the planning commission review the current proposed ordinance as to stricter, noise, height, fire suppression, ice detection and avian protections. Discussion was held to use Pierson township ordinance as a guide for Bloomer Townships proposed ordinance. Doug recommended that we entertain a motion to send this to the board so that we may communicate with Fahey for the changes. Doug relayed that he had received a message from a gentleman from Minnesota that works for/with Apex and he understood we were working on an ordinance for wind and solar turbines and offered assistance if we required any. The gentleman also indicated that Apex is not currently looking at Bloomer Township. Apparently DTE has spoken to some owners near the north line of the township and solar farm companies have approached owners on the north side also. Gail made a motion requesting that Doug present the township board with a request to contact Fahey with the proposed changes that had been reviewed matching Pierson Township for, noise, fire suppression, ice detection, avian protection and height restrictions. Tara 2nd motion carried.

Township cleanup is May 15, tire recycling will be in Carson City in October and Crystal will have hazardous waste pick up in October also.

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Gail to adjourn Motion carried. Respectfully submitted Tara Chapko, secretary