

**Draft of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting
January 4, 2017**

1. **Call to order**-Vice-Chair Paquin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Derhammer, Morris, Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz and Cronenwett
Absent & Excused: Daly. **Also Present:** David Jirousek, Williams & Works, and guests
3. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Tarchala second by Cronenwett to approve the minutes of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting of October 5, 2016 as presented.
Abstained: Schultz, Morris and Derhammer. All others voted in favor. Motion carried
4. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Morris to approve the agenda as amended by Tarchala to discuss Ordinance update and Trailway under 7. Comments and Communications Concerning Items not on the Agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried
5. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**-none

6. New Business

A. Antwerp Township Parking Lot Expansion Project

Ron Derhammer discussed with planning commissioners the concept of redesigning/expanding the township parking area. This could include entrances and exit drives, parking flow changes, expansion of parking area and a creation of an entrance/exit from Glidden Street to the south, with the possibilities of a future township park directly to the south. It was requested by Derhammer to forward the planning commissioners ideas in the minutes for the Township Board consideration.

Pro comment: The revised parking would increase parking spaces and better traffic flow for those peak times at the township grounds.

Con comments: Concerns with entrance and exit, two separate drives off of Front Avenue. The western entrance maybe could be a two-way and the angle parking eliminated, replaced with parallel parking instead on the far west lot.

The south entrance from Glidden Street, the angled parking is not conducive to vehicles pulling in from the south. The drive is too straight and speed bumps could be incorporated to slow traffic along with changing the drive from straight to a jog with bump outs and parallel parking instead.

The gazebo is distant from supervision. Safety, security; electricity is an issue at the south drive. The drive to Glidden Street is unnecessary if not putting in the park.

Could this be done in Phases? If parking is more important at this time perhaps just the expansion of parking behind the activity center is sufficient, along with further discussion that would have to occur in regards to the development of park area to the south.

B. 2017 Goals and 2016 Annual Report

David Janousek, Williams & Works, reviewed with commissioners 2016 annual summary report handout. 2017 goals discussed issues to be worked on for the coming year are: 1.) sign ordinance 2.) Trailway Project funding. 3.) Check on any updates in regards to Master Plan and Parks and Recreation. Later in the year, discussion of Medical Marihuana Facilities.

C. 2017 Meeting Dates and Times

Discussion by Derhammer that the Township Board has changed their meeting start time to 6:30 pm. As they felt it was more time efficient for them. Planning Commissioners discussed meeting time change to 6:30 pm., and agreed to do also.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Morris to approve the 2017 Planning Commission Meeting schedule As presented and recommend to move the start time for Planning Commission meetings starting in February 2017 to 6:30pm.

Roll Call Vote-Derhammer-yes, Morris-yes, Tarchala-yes, Paquin-yes, Schultz-yes, Cronenwett-yes.
Motion carried

7. Comments and Communications Concerning Items not on the Agenda

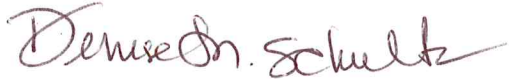
Tarchala-comment in regards to updating zoning ordinance book, with new changes made to the zoning ordinance book. Discussed trailway future meetings and workshops. It was mentioned that commissioners that have a certificate in the Citizen Planner program can update it with a 3hrs of recorded time.

Paquin gave updates on the Portman Preserve. A public meeting will be held January 28th to introduce the preserve to the public. Paquin also announced that David Jirousek, will still be the Townships planner. David Jirousek is with Williams and Work planning firm.

David Jirousek informed commissioners that a proposed development will be scheduled in February request by Mark Boven for a development on 62nd street, Lawton.

8. Adjournment-Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary