REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 16, 2018

7PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Don Wells brought the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Dane Shryock, Mr. Curtis Lee, Mr. Fred Wachtel, Mr. Steve Lonsinger, Mr. Richard Border Sr., Mr. Dave Dilly, Mr. Bob Nelson, Mrs. Brandy Burchett, Mr. Bruce Lowery, Mr. Jesse Fischer, Mr. Ron Lusk, Mr. Dennis Balo, Mr. Larry Stahl, Mr. Mark McCombs, Mr. Tad Kaser, Mr. Jim Schumaker, Mr. Rick Brenley, Mr. John Gallwitz, Mr. Brian Albertson. Also present was Mrs. Brooke Alverson and Mr. Richard Swickheimer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Swickheimer talked about an issue he has been having with the Engineer’s office and the placement of a new driveway on his property. Mr. Swickheimer was granted a variance to move his driveway off of his neighbor’s property in the January executive committee meeting, however he stated to this day he is still having issues with Mr. Matt Shannon sighting his driveway correctly, he feels like he has been discriminated against. Mr. Swickheimer wanted to know what the next step would be for an appeals on his variance, he stated he is willing to fight this in court. Mr. Don Wells let Mr. Swickheimer have his five minutes for his public comment before moving on to the next item on the agenda.

MINUTES – FULL BOARD

Mr. Wells presented the minutes of the last full board meeting dated January 16, 2018. Mr. Lowery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes as presented. All vote aye. The motion carried.

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JANUARY-MARCH BILLS

Mr. Wells reviewed the expenses and receipts for the months of January- March of 2018. Mr. Stahl made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lusk to accept the monthly expense report as presented, if at the next board meeting there would be a full report of the financials to look over. All vote Aye. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wachtel stated that he is still looking for legal counsel for the Planning Commission, however he has still not found anyone willing to take it on.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Wachtel discussed how the six month time frame of the MOU between the Commissioners and the Engineer’s office was up this month, he stated that he feels as if his office is handling the daily activities of the Commission and he would like to have a new MOU approved for a 1 year period between the two offices. Mr. Dane Shryock made a motion to approval the MOU of understanding for a 1 year time frame, Mrs. Brandy Burchett seconded the motion. . All vote Aye. The motion carried.

Discussion of County/Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Wachtel and Mr. Shryock have been discussing the need for a county bicycle/pedestrian lane throughout our county. Our Amish community is growing larger in our county and this can been seen by the number of bicycles on the road ways in certain areas in our county twelve months a year. There is money allocated through the State and AARP for funding to help develop roadways-pathways for a bicycle/pedestrian path, however to apply for these funds you need to have a bigger plan to present for the funding. There are a lot of paths just like what we are talking about in the surrounding counties around us state Mr. Shryock. With the number of bicycles and people on the road it is just a matter of time before we are struck with a fatality stated Mr. Shryock. Mr. Denny Balo asked if there was any canal land that could be used for this project. It does not look like we have any usable canal land grounds for this project. Mr. Wachtel stated that there was a group of citizens about ten years ago who were trying to reach these same goals but kept coming up with many road blocks. Mr. Wachtel also stated that this idea will be talked about at the township banquet this coming Friday evening. Mr. Wachtel would like to see a goal of a written narrative with a map that could be presented for future funding happen in the near future. Also, there is funding for green spaces in Ohio with “Clean Ohio” that will help with urban development of green spaces with as small as 1 lot to numerous lots together.

Private Road Standards

There was much general discussion about the private road standards and if these standards needed looked at again down the road soon. The planning commission is seeing a lot of private roads being utilized with lots 1-3. Mr. Wells asked if there was an issue with the current standards and Mr. Wachtel stated no that he just feels that the tiers of the lots/private roads need to be reviewed again.

Other Business

Mr. Wachtel stated that the Planning Commission is being audited on Tuesday, April 17th, this audit will be for the last two years.

Mr. Wachtel had a general discussion about the flooding that happens from both Mohawk and Wills Creek Dam when it rains on township road, county roads and state routes. He stated is would be impractical to put up barricades at each roadway when flooding happens. He would like input from the townships that this problem effects.

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Adjourn

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Don Wells moved to adjourn. The meeting stood adjourned.