

**Banks Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
July 14, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order:** By Chair Don Miles at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll/ Recognition of visitors:**

Present: Don Miles, Rick Diebold, Julie Waterman, Tom Cooper, Joni Wieland
On the phone:: Candy Hoeksema, Brandie Sowash, Laura, Matt Heeres
Also present: Ruben Shell, Irene Shooks Dave Muladore

3. **Approval of Minutes:** June 9, 2020 Meeting MMS by Cooper, Wieland to approve minutes as presented. MC Don Abstain

4. **Public Hearing:**

An Ordinance to amend the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance Articles III, VI, and VIII, pertaining to Agricultural Tourism and Agricultural Assembly Spaces.

- i. MMS to open Public Hearing, Diebold, Wieland at 6:08 MC
- ii. Reading of the Public Hearing Procedures and Rules presented by Don Miles. Ruben presented the proposed language.

iii. **Public comment –**

- 1. In favor
 - a. Laura Edwards, seems quite comprehensive, there is no component for the motorcycle track
- 2. Opposed
 - No participants.

iv. MMS by Wieland, Waterman to close the public hearing MC

v. **Decision on next steps:**

- 1. Tom Cooper: I don't see any problem.
- 2. Rick Diebold: Agree
- 3. Julie Waterman: agree
- 4. Joni Wieland: agree

MMS by Cooper, Diebold to bring this forward to the Antrim County Planning Commission. No further comment. Roll Call Vote

Rick Diebold: Yeah; Tom Cooper: Yeah; Joni Wieland: Yeah; Julie Waterman: Yes; Don Miles: Yes; MC

5. **Reports:**

Zoning Board of Appeals: None

Zoning Administrator: Dave Muladore

- a. New permit 9656 Colby Lane
- b. New home with basement
- c. Pole barn on Timberlane Terrace
- d. Went to Lakeshore Drive to look at wetlands, within proper distance for building
- e. 7730 Dennis Rd new home
- f. Garage on Church Rd
- g. blight on Coeling Rd...making headway, planted grass, Big improvement, but lots left

to do.

What determines blight in the township? Nothing is very clear. I understand why it isn't

very definitive, but many calls keep coming in.

h. site visit on Brown Rd.

Township Board representative: Tom Cooper highlighted board minutes. Many visitors,

Planning Consultant: Ruben Shell: Main push this month has been to summarize the Text amendment action.

6. Announcements/correspondence:

7. Old Business:

- a. Background and Rationale regarding action on Banks Township ZO Text amendments. Outdoor Recreational Establishments and Motorcycle Tracks and Trails. Consultant, and township attorney were consulted. Attorney feels we need to move forward to the County Planning Commission, because a township resident asked for this, we have to follow-up. Comments from commissioners:
 - i. Joni Wieland: you did a good job
 - ii. Rick Diebold: accurate and thorough
 - iii. Julie Waterman: very thoroughMMS by Wieland, Supported by Diebold that this summary document in its entirety go forward with the Proposed 2 Ordinance Amendments to the County Planning Commission. No further discussion. MC

8. New Business:

- a. **Election of officers: We will postpone election of our officers until after the Township Board election later in the year.**
 - i. **Chair Person: Don Miles**
 - ii. **Vice Chair: Rick Diebold**
 - iii. **Sec'y: Joni Wieland**
- b. **Classes available for Planning Commission Members. They encourage members look through what they might be interested**

9. Public comment:

- a. **Laura Reid Edwards: Phil and I are very appreciative of all the work you have done.**
- b. **Brandie Sowash: I think it is unprofessional to call any resident out on a blight issue**

10. Next Meeting: August 11, 2020

11. MMS by Cooper, Wieland.at 7:09 p.m. MC

Joni Wieland, sec'y

Irene Shooks, rec/sec