

**Banks Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** by zoom at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Explanation of meeting process and procedures:**

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

Present: Don Miles, Joni Wieland Julie Waterman Rick Diebold, Tom Cooper

Absent:

Also present: Irene Shooks, Dave Muladore, Laura Reid Edwards, Brandi Sowash, John Iacoangeli, Matt Heeres, Laura Reid Edwards

4. **Approval of Minutes:** July 14, 2020 Meeting MMS by Julie Waterman, Tom Cooper, to approve minutes MC

5. **Reports:**

Zoning Board of Appeals: None

Zoning Administrator: Dave Muladore:

2 parcels on Lore Rd; building 2 homes in the CR district

Timberlake Shores, pole barn

Farrell Rd, pole barn

Garage on white pine drive

Symons Bluff Rd question, referred to the association

Blight on Coeling Rd is being addressed. Visited the site a week & a half ago, another visit at the end of August.

Call from Matt Heeres with questions, asked that he'd write them down for answers

Township Board representative: Tom Cooper

Highlighted items from Board Minutes

Planning Consultant: John: rec'd minutes of County Planning Commission. Motion made to make no comments

6. **Announcements/correspondence:**

a. **Public Comment**

1. Matt Heeres: Thanks to Dave Muladore for talking with me last week. I attended the County Planning Commission Recreation Planning. Since then, I have been talking to a number of County Officials. The public review of your Recreation Plan was never brought to the County. That was a plan that was adopted for the years 2018 to 2022. For everyone's information, we do fall under the Antrim county guidelines, That includes our motorcycle track

7. **Old Business:**

a. **Background and Rationale regarding action on Banks Township ZO Text amendments_ Outdoor Recreational Establishments and Motorcycle Tracks and Trails – Antrim County Planning Commission needs to determine if a text amendment is consistent with the ACPC Master Plan. They spent quite a bit of time discussing Drumlin Hills. They voted to make no recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance.- I propose**

that we go forward with our final report and recommendation on the Outdoor Recreation Establishments, and The Motorcycle and Snowmobile Tracks and Trails amendment to the Township Board. MMS by Rick Diebold, Julie Waterman that we forward to the Township Board our final report with the recommendation that the Township Board not approve the Outdoor Recreation Establishments, and the Motorcycle and Snowmobile Tracks and Trails amendments. MC

- b. **Ag Tourism and Ag Assembly ordinance** – MMS Diebold, Wieland that we recommend that the Township Board approve this ordinance. MC

8. New Business:

- a. It is time to look at our list of next priorities for the BTPC
 - 1. Green belt is important because of the rise with our water levels. Joni, Julie
 - 2. Green Belt will be considered next. Priority of other items has not changed
 - 3. Julie: we talked about blight, can we add that to the list? Don explained that it would have to be a PPO. We need to let the Township Board know that we would like them to consider adopting a blight ordinance.
- b. BTPC Mission Statements that were proposed will be included in the minutes.

9. Public comment (*all Zoom meeting participants will be unmuted*):

- i. Brandie: none of the mission statements address what has happened in the last few months. They are all hypocritical.
- ii. Erin Heeres: What constitutes blight? Is there a definition? Who does it come from? Newbies, longtime residents. One man's blight is another's life style.
- iii. Laura Reid Edwards: I just wanted to state my appreciation for the continued service of the planning commission in these difficult times.

10. Next Meeting: September 8, 2020

11. Adjournment: MMS by Tom Cooper, Joni Wieland to adjourn MC