

Kearney Township Planning Commission
Minutes
April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting

Call to Order at 7:00 PM EDT

Members present: Tim Comben, Kevin Giar, Dick Jacques, Tim Murray, Cal Rix

Pledge of Allegiance

Conflict of Interest - none

Giar moved, Rix second to approve the agenda

Comben moved, Jacques second to approve the minutes of the March meeting as distributed

Correspondence:

Michelle re training opportunities and Sign Application

Public Comment: Ed Niepoth asked why the change in rear setbacks in the draft zoning ordinance. Commission members replied that no setback changes were intended. Kevin asked Ed to provide a punch list of his concerns.

Reports

- Township Official, Tim: The board was given copies of the current draft for review.
- Zoning Administrator, Dan: two land divisions and a barn dominium were processed since the last meeting
- ZBA: Dick: no appeals have been filed

Old Business

- Road Ordinance – Jacques moved, Rix second to retain the current Private Road Ordinance and remove private roads from the proposed zoning ordinance. Motion carried.
- Fence Setback – Jacques moved, Giar second to change section 3.f.2.b Fence side and rear setbacks to read “Fences shall be located inside the lot line”. Motion caried
- Giar moved, Rix seconded to approve the proposed Sign Permit Application. Motion Carried

New Business

- Zoning Ordinance Draft – Jacques moved, Rix seconded to table discussion of the proposed draft until the May meeting to allow time for review of Ed’s punch list. Motion Carried

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- Tim reported on new legislation starting its way through Lansing.

Public Comment: Ed commented further on the draft ordinance

Commission Comments:

Dick moved to modify the By-laws of the Kearney Township Planning Commission section 4.1 to read "Regular Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held the third Monday of every Month, at 6 PM at the Kearney township Hall..."

Second Rix motion carried

Dick also requested that the agenda be sent before the day of the meeting, possibly as early as the Wednesday before the meeting similar to Township Board agenda schedule.

Giar moved, Rix second to adjourn at 7:58 PM EDT, carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R E Jacques". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

R E Jacques
Secretary