

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 4, 2020**

The Empire Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Tom Kaldunski at 8:00 PM.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Bob Bjerke, Chris Williamson, Jane Kansier, Denise Williamson, and liaison Ed Gerten.

The meeting was opened to Public Hearing, to consider a request for an amendment to the existing Interim Use Permit to allow the expansion of the current construction yard from 40 acres to 50 acres for the near term, and to allow for an additional 20 acres of future yard expansion, and to allow the construction of an 85' by 120' building. The property is located at 16500 Akron Avenue.

Ed Gerten read the public hearing notice. No written comments from public.

Discussed the proposal and planner recommendations. Jane recommended getting a revised site plan. No spoken comments from public.

Jared Sachs made a motion to close public hearing. Chris Williamson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Trent expressed that he would like to see a pole barn instead of a hoop building. Also recommended to have IUP expire in March of 2031 to correlate with other IUP/CUP's.

Tom Kaldunski made a motion to recommend approval of amendment of IUP with the findings and facts. Bob Bjerke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Toni Marie O'Daniel at 17690 Clayton Avenue, residents of Vermillion Township, are looking at purchasing 45.5 acres in Empire Township across from their property. They are looking to put up a barn for AG storage. Also inquired about putting a house on property. The land currently has no buildable rights attached to it and they would have to find a property to transfer buildable rights to it. Discussed if they wanted to build a horse arena, they would need a CPU. Planning Commission was okay with AG building but no to a house due to buildable rights.

Resident at 1990 200<sup>th</sup> Street West lives in AG District on .62 acres. They have 4 dogs which is currently over the limit of 3 according to Ordinance 210-B. Resident did not come to the meeting to discuss. No action taken.

Several residents came to discuss Empire looking into a sexual predator ordinance to keep level 3 sex offenders out of the township. Discussion was held to have a copy of the state statute and to consult with Township attorney. Jane will consult with the Township attorney and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.