

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

5-10-16

1. At 7:02 pm Chairman Mark Leathead called the meeting to order.
2. Paul Potter offered the invocation.
3. Roll call: Present; Mark Leathead, Paul Potter, Ron Wind & Paul Blauwkamp. Absent with notice; Jim VanderVeen. Absent without notice; Jeff DeWind.
4. Attendees:
 - Kurt Gernaat, Zoning Administrator & Fire Chief
 - Andrew Moore, Township Planner
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by Paul Potter, supported by Paul Blauwkamp to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the minutes of the April 5th, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
 - a. Motion by Paul Potter, supported by Paul Blauwkamp to approve the minutes from the April 5th, 2016 planning commission meeting.
Motion carried.
7. Opportunity for public comment – No public comment was heard
8. New Business – No new business
9. Old Business –
 - a. Licensed daycare ordinance revisions – Andrew presented information regarding where our current ordinance has flaws and is deficient, as well as clarifying for the commission what the state regulates. Discussion was held on the licensed daycare ordinance, and direction was given to Andrew Moore to work on making amendments and clarification to the current ordinance and bring it back to the Planning Commission when we are ready to look at revised language.
 - b. Home based business ordinance - Discussion was held on the potential Home based business ordinance that had been drafted back in 2007. The planning commissioners deliberated a great deal on this and are considering whether or not we could make a home based business a “permitted use” in some districts, and maybe walk away from a new home based business ordinance.

- c. Master Plan – Andrew presented some potential changes to the Future Land use map, and discussion amongst the commissioners was held on this issue.
- d. Review of current bonds

10. Correspondence – nothing

11. Upcoming events

- a. Township Board Meeting – May 19th, 2016
- b. Planning Commission Meeting – June 7th, 2016

Adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Recorded by Kurt Gernaat
Submitted by Jim VanderVeen, Secretary