

# Corrected Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Board of Avon Township & the City of Avon

March 31, 2016

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Rd, Avon)

**Call to Order:** The Joint Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Avon Township Hall meeting room.

**Roll Call:** Rick Fischbach, Jeff Meyer, Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Marion Gondringer (for Steve Saupe). Also present: Mayor Hugh Knox from Avon, and Avon Township Board Chair Richard Bresnahan and Avon Planning Commission Chair LeRoy Gondringer from Avon Township.

**Agenda:** Fischbach moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting as presented. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Business:**

***JPB Area:*** Building permit review processes and fees. No changes made.

### ***Aquatic Invasive Species/Milfoil and Treatment Plans: (Middle Spunk Lake)***

While some herbicide was applied to milfoil around the 12 foot break line, handpicking has also taken place in other areas. It was stated that Avon Township has expressed preference for handpicking over herbicide use as the treatment method of choice.

Nelson expressed concern for not having ever actually seen the presence of the weed himself and requested a map of weed infestation including GPS locations of infested areas. Nelson stated his preference for physical verification of milfoil presence in the lakes and would like physical verification that milfoil is actually present in the lake.

Meyer clarified that the DNR was involved in the initial identification of the presence of milfoil in the lake. Meyer will contact the Lake Association to get maps and copies of the studies that have taken place as well as information about the level of effectiveness that was achieved through the herbicide and hand picking treatments that have taken place.

## **Common Interest Issues/General Information Sharing:**

***Drainage system concerns:*** Mergen expressed concerns surrounding the drainage system in and around Avon City and Township. Meyer addressed various aspects of drainage in the area including culverts, ditches, and evaluating the berm on the North side of Minnie Lake. The level of Minnie Lake is overly high because ditch drainage is being affected by tree and brush growth in and around the ditch. Elevation is fairly flat in that area with very little slope. The wetland located just West of 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Avon filters city run off. High water mark indicates water is backing up on the Smith farm which may indicate a possible culvert obstruction.

Gondringer states that in the mid 70's a garage was built over the top of part of the drainage pipe. The culvert system under that garage has been repaired.

Culverts under I-94 may also be an area to inspect and determine if there are any flow restrictions which may be affecting drainage.

Meyer will forward the most recent drainage study and provide maps for review at the next meeting.

**Senior Citizen Housing Unit:** Mayor Knox states that a 23 unit senior citizen housing complex is underway with a completion date slated for the fall of 2016.

**Township road overlays:** Bresnahan stated that the Township roads 325<sup>th</sup> Street and 165ave will be overlaid during the 2016 summer season.

**Fire District:** Dialogue between the Township and the City concerning the possibility of forming a joint Fire District is in the early stages of discussion.

**Vacated Township Road:** Gondringer stated that Paul Eisenschenk attended the March 30<sup>th</sup> Avon Township Planning Commission Meeting. He requested that the Township re-instate the vacated road, 180<sup>th</sup> Street located off County Road 52, just East of Avon Estates. He expressed his desire to see this road reestablished and built up so that it could be used as a second access road for the Avon Estates development.

Gondringer explained that when a road is vacated the ownership of the property is reverted back to the possession of the landowner. Therefore, Avon Township now has no control over the land since by law, the road, and its right-of-way, is now owned by the property owner. The Township feels that repurchasing the land necessary to build the road for this purpose is not a feasible option for the Township. He also noted that rebuilding this particular road would create the situation of having a Township road that would be located in the Township but would only benefit the City. Mergen stated that the Township of Avon is not in the business of building roads and the Township is not interested in pursuing this request.

**Water and Sewer on West side of Middle Spunk Lake:** Mergen explained that a neighborhood must vote in favor of the addition of water and sewer at the rate of 60% before this option would be enacted. The City of Avon would then have 10 years to implement the installation. The costs would be assessed to property owners for both water and sewer access. Property owners would pay the full cost of installation from the main access to their home. No residents have expressed an interest in pursuing this at this point.

**Solar Garden:** Besnahan explained many details surrounding the St. John's Solar Garden expansion project currently in the approved/planning stages. The project has the proper Administrative Conditional Use permit in place. He stated that the installation should be completed and powered up by December of 2016.

**Election of Officers: (Chair and Vice Chair):** Elections took place in February. Mergen was elected as Chair, Meyer as Vice Chair.

**Next Meeting Date:** Motion by Fischbach to set the next meeting on February 15, 2017. Second by Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment of Meeting:** Motion by Meyer to adjourn at 8:58 P.M. Second by Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Gondringer, Avon Deputy Township Clerk