

Revised Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Board of Avon Township & the City of Avon

April 10, 2017

Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Rd, Avon)

Call to Order: The Joint Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chair Ken Mergen at 7:00 P.M. in the main chamber of the Avon Township Hall.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call & Introductions: Those present introduced themselves: Richard Bresnahan, Dick Glatzmaier, LeRoy Gondringer, John Grutsch, Will Huston, Mike Linn, Kelly Martini, John Merdan, Ken Mergen, Jeff Meyer, Stephen Saupe, and Jodi Traut.

Agenda: Merdan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Meyer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Meyer noted that Eisenschenk was not acting as a volunteer from the City regarding 180th Street. The clause, “a volunteer for Avon City,” was removed from the March 31, 2017 minutes. Mergen moved to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2016 meeting as amended. Meyer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Common Interest Issues/General Information Sharing:

- 1. Drainage system concerns:** Meyer presented part of a report from Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. that provided a hydrologic and hydraulic model of the drainage system from Kepper Avenue (1st Street) to Upper Spunk Lake. The City has had ongoing problems with storm water drainage. One option was to clear out the ditch to the south of Minnie Lake to allow drainage of the system into Upper Spunk Lake. The Township expressed interest in working with the City to try to solve the problem once the City decides on a plan.
- 2. Mystery Noise** – A Township resident reports a humming noise in his home and claims that it began when pipes were run to Avon Estates. Representatives from Xcel, the City, and the Town have confirmed the noise but the source has not been identified. Because the noise is continuous, rather than intermittent, it suggests that the source is not the City lift station. The source remains a mystery.
- 3. County Ditch 25** – This ditch, petitioned in 1905, is now overgrown and apparently restricts drainage from Keppers Lake and the east side of the City. According to Meyer the last maintenance was in 1946 and the City unsuccessfully petitioned the County to do something about it in 1986. If the ditch is cleared and Keppers Lake is lowered, Meyer suggests there will be an overall benefit from lowering the water table. There is a map of landowners, including residents in both the City and Town, who would benefit from the project and likely be assessed. This project is apparently moving forward and will require cooperation of the City and Town.

4. **Avon Substation** – Xcel has been working on the substation for the past few weeks. The work may be due to the power outages that occurred after the solar garden project at Saint John's went online.
5. **Avon Partners Living** – The grand opening for the new senior housing complex in Avon is scheduled for early May. They will hire about a dozen employees. There will be 22 beds for residents including efficiency apartments and a memory unit. The facility will also feature a community room available to the public.

Election of Officers: Mergen nominated Meyer for Chair. Second by Glatzmeier. No other nominations were made. Merdan moved to close nominations. Linn second. All in favor. Motion carried. Mergen called for a voice vote to elect Mr. Jeff Meyer as Chair of the City/Town Joint Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mergen nominated Linn for Vice-Chair. Meyer second. No other nominations were made. Merdan moved to close nominations. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried. Mergen called for a voice vote to elect Mr. Mike Linn as Vice-Chair of the City/Town Joint Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: The next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2018 (*second Monday in April*).

Adjournment: Motion by Mergen to adjourn at about 8:15 PM. Second by Linn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe, Clerk
Avon Township