

**NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 25, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roman at 7:03 P.M. at 8350 Main Street.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**3. ROLL CALL
AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll call:	
Janet Chick	Absent with notice
Brad Cousino	Present
Eamonn Dwyer	Present
Sam Iaquinto	Absent with notice
Cecilia Infante	Present
Larry Roman	Present
John Zarzecki	Present

Also present:
Assessing & Building Assistant Mary Bird
Planning Consultant Paul Lippens, McKenna Associates
Recording Secretary Lisa Lemble
Members of the Community

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Roman moved, Zarzecki supported, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

5. FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

6. CLARIFICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. REPORTS

9A. Board of Trustees

No report.

9B. ZBA

No meeting has been held since the last Planning Commission meeting.

9C. Staff Report

Nothing to report.

9D. Planning Consultant

Nothing to report.

9E. Parks and Recreation

No report.

9F. Downtown Planning Group

From the DDA meeting held on Monday Infante reported:

- The DDA is sponsoring a Trunk-A-Palooza on 9/16/18 and a Trunk or Treat on 10/28/18.
- They are disappointed at the lack of progress on making 75 Barker available for use. A local farm group is interested in the space for a farm shop.
- Concern about the DDA legal description differing from the map was discussed.
- They reviewed the Lockwood Development proposal for the North Village property. Comments included wanting more mixed use, open space, common area, and opportunities for home ownership.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. Further Discussion of Technical Review of Northfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

Planning consultant Paul Lippens noted that a Reorganization section had been added to the Zoning Ordinance Technical Review as discussed at the last meeting,

He referred to a suggestion from Roman which was included in the packet to reorganize the ordinance from general to more specific, and to move Administration and Enforcement to the beginning of the ordinance. He said his recommendation is different:

- Keep all regulations that apply to all land in the Supplemental Regulations and Standards section (e.g. natural features), but move other provisions which apply only in specific cases (e.g. special land uses) to specific sections where they would be found more easily by applicants.
- One page district summaries seem to be a popular idea, and adopting those could mean eliminating the zoning district sections.
- From Article IX on, keep the order the same.

There was a brief discussion about how to proceed. It was agreed that Lippens will provide a complete document for Commissioners to review. Lippens said he would like to put a revised schedule on the next agenda, although he expects to be able to stay on track for completion in December.

10B. North Village RFP Update.

Lippens referred to the North Village RFP Preliminary Scoring and Evaluation document, and reported this evaluation of the Lockwood Development proposal was presented to the Township Board at their meeting last night. He noted that in addition to the evaluation, he also provided a summary of the financial information provided by Lockwood.

He said the Board decided that since there was only one proposal and there seems to be general agreement about the scoring, there is no need for any other individuals or groups to do that. He said the Board decided that he and the Township manager will work with Lockwood over the next 60 days to put together a best and final proposal.

Lippens said the Board also discussed allowing additional proposals to be submitted on a rolling RFP bases and/or changing to a request for qualifications (RFQ), but the Board did not take action on those at the meeting.

In answer to questions, Lippens said goals of negotiations with Lockwood include making the public space more central and unified, rather than being distributed around the edges of the site, and improving the financial proposal. He also said another interested developer did not submit a proposal because they could not find the financial partner they were seeking.

There was discussion about the goals for developing the property through this RFP process. Lippens said many government units were buying land during the recession, the Township is interested in a partnership that would help provide public amenities given that the Township does not have a lot of money for that, Lockwood is proposing to purchase the portion of the site with the housing on it, and a proposal for subsidies is also included in the submittal.

Commissioners said Lockwood has a very good reputation, this is an ideal location for a development

that would have a park in front of it, which gives the Township negotiating power, the lack of proposals is probably partly due to the hot real estate market that has developers involved in other projects, and having a proposal like this increases the Township's eligibility for grant funding.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. MINUTES

- ▶ **Motion:** Roman moved, Cousino supported, that the minutes of the July 11, 2018, regular meeting be approved as presented, and to dispense with the reading. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

13. SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

No comments.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

August 1, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Public Safety Building was announced as the next regular Commission meeting time and location.

16. ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ **Motion:** Roman moved, Cousino supported, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Prepared by Lisa Lemble.

Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:

Wording removed is ~~stricken through~~;

Wording added is underlined.

Adopted on August 1, 2018.


Larry Roman, Chair


John Zarzecki, Secretary

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