

Watertown Township
Planning commission
Regular Meeting
Decemberr 17, 2015

Members Present: William Dixon, Al Stoutenburg, Gary Fetting, Ed Budzinski, Dale Schoen and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Scott Franzel (resigned)

Guests: Dick & Marsha Henderson, Roberta Harding

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Al Stoutenburg, Chairman. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Additions or corrections, reverse order of Davis Property with Spicer Group discussion.

Minutes. No additions or corrections to the minutes, Ed Budzinski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Fetting supported, minutes approved.

1st Item: Special land use approval on Davis Property. Dick Henderson presented layout of proposed gravesites, Wilkie House Davis property. Discussion on how we came to own the property. Scott Franzel became aware that the property was up for sale by Freddie Mac and thought we could purchase for about \$8,000. Board agreed to purchase for \$8,000 in preparation for use a cemetery expansion. Layout is a draft of possible changes of drives according to Morris road county regulations. Property is about 1 acre and has approximately \$15,000 that it could generate in gravesite sales. About 684 spots remaining in original 6 acres of the original cemetery. 150 years in existing and is 90% sold, not all being used, but several owners bought several sights and are not being used. 20 – 25 years remaining before all sights used up with current use continuing.

Residents = \$150, out of township = \$350

The new Davis property would create approximately \$6,000 new sights. It will take approximately \$3,000 for cleanup and the cost of a driveway. Dick has been contacted already regarding the new sights and there availability. This will require special use permits to turn property into cemetery. Public must be contacted within certain amount of feet, will look into the number. Roberta Harding felt she was not noticed of meeting. She stated she was new to our community and was not notified of original meeting or the survey. She feels she has been paying for 6 feet from their property, rear line, E Line, and it was agreed upon after the last meeting when they went over and looked at the survey lines. Roberta has been told to attend

Board meeting for her dispute. More discussion on cemetery approval request. Gary Fetting made a motion to develop property as cemetery, 2nd by Sheila Coats. Motion approved.

Master Plan discussion – Roger Brown commented. Rich Honaman stated Board had to approve spending on Master Plan \$7,000 – plus it was requested to also approve \$2,500 for recreation development by Spicer Group. All read the e-mail from Spicer Grout detailing all that they will provide in the Master Plan and Recreation Plan. Discussed that Jill Brown resigned 2 meetins ago, put letter in paper for desire to fill out position until election. Dick Henderson has requested copy of minutes. Reaffirmed our position to the Board. Bill Dixon made motion to request board approve the request for the \$7,000 for Master Plan and \$2,500 for Recreation Plan. 2nd by Ed Budzinski. Motion carried.

Al Stoutenburg stated Gary Fetting should present a bill for his services on the work for the Master Plan already done. Gary declined, Al stated Planning Commission appreciated his work. Gary Expressed we sometimes got off topic and Spicer will help us to keep on task. Al stated if Board passes we will start at next regular meeting in March. We could schedule next meeting February. If approved could set up a preliminary meeting on February 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Regular meetins are 3rd Thursday of every quarter. Bill Dixon is taking big book on Planning Commissions from meeting home for his preview.

Gary asked if we need another member on planning commission to replace Scott Franzel who resigned on Tuesday evening by a text to Rich Honaman. Al proposed we can all come up with some suggestions by next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Dixon, seconded by Dale Schoen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Coats
Watertown Township Planning Commission