

Planning commission
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2017

Members Present: Al Stoutenburg, Mark Batkie, Dale Schoen, William Dixon, Sheila Coats, and Amanda Aldrich, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: None

Guests: Harold & Kristine Howard, Scott & Tami Bradley.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Al Stoutenburg, Chairman, all present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: No changes, Al Stoutenburg requested we all read the minutes.

Minutes: Al Stoutenburg made a motion to approve the May 18, 2017 minutes of the Special Meeting, support by William Dixon, motion carried with correction of feet for airport zone.

Agenda: Item #1 Harold and Kristine Howard requesting dog boarding business to be approved by Planning Commission. William Dixon stated that he, Dale Schoen and Amanda Aldrich visited the kennel on June 14, 2017 and observed animals, stated they were quiet when they were there. Foam board insulation was visual when they were there which was what Mark Batkie had requested they do. Al Stoutenburg passed out google maps showing locations and some suggestions on how to improve the situation. Some discussion on what sound level is permissible and length of dog noise that would result in an issue. Rich Honaman brought up original approval of permit granted in 2007. Al stated noise is the only real issue. Al suggested we could put restrictions on them or we can turn down the Howard's request. Al asked if anymore comments, or if possible with restrictions. This is currently special land use permit. Al asked for a motion. Bill Dixon said he believed decibels and duration should be a consideration. There would be quiet hours, possibly 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Discussion and was decided it would not work, sometimes unusual circumstances. Violation would have to take to court for violation of noise issue. Rich stated maximum penalty is every day a new occurrence to a maximum of \$500 per day. Mark Batkie made a motion for the addition of 20 dogs with reduction of breeding dogs. The Howard's will be putting more Norway spruce trees in the fall to provide green space. They agreed to have all dogs debarked and agreed that the number of breeding stock will be reduced and/or contained in new kennel. Bill supported, no more discussion. Scott Bradley asked if trees would be North of kennels, Howard's stated yes. Motion carried.

Item #2 Discussion of Master Plan. All changes have been made. Bill made motion stating with all corrections made and Planning Commission send to Township Board for them to move on for the process of getting the updated Master Plan approved. Seconded by Sheila Coats, motion carried. No other items before the board at this time.

No other comments, Sheila Coats made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Batkie, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted: *Sheila Coats*, **Watertown Township Planning Commission**
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Regular Meeting
September 21, 2017

Members Present: Al Stoutenburg, Mark Batkie, Dale Schoen and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Amanda Aldrich and William Dixon.

Guests: None

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

Agenda: Add Annexation Article and Master Plan discussion, Al Stoutenburg requested we all read the minutes.

Minutes: Dale Schoen made a motion to approve the June 15, 2017 minutes of the Regular Meeting, support by Mark Batkie, motion carried.

Agenda: Master Plan – discussion made to run advertisement in the Sandusky Tribune dated for October 19, 2017 and to hold public hearing.

Discussion on Gary Fetting leaving the board, need to check with him to be sure he wishes to resign. Board needs to get his replacement. Rich suggested Scott Kenny as a possibility.

Discussed airport height restriction, did pass, almost all members of Airport board were pilots.

Situation with Cramers (Township took them to court) semi-tractor and gas tanker on u-part of driveway. There is a Board meeting on Monday to discuss progress being made.

Nothing else before the board. Motion to adjourn made by Mark Batkie at 7:55 pm, second by Dale Schoen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted: *Sheila Coats*, **Watertown Township Planning Commission**