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APPROVED DRAFT MINUTES

[for: February 2, 2017]

Acting in the absence of the chair, vice-chair / board liaison Schilling called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Roll Call indicated that members Shilling, Ridley, Schuch, and Manley were present to conduct business. Chair Gries was absent. There was one member of the public present.

Public Comment was offered: none presented.

Motion by Schilling to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 minutes, **seconded by Schuch**; all in favor, none in opposition, motioned passed unanimously.

For new business, the Planning Commission reviewed the sample language regarding Accessory Dwelling Units. Concerns included: commercial vs. noncommercial, distances between buildings / structures, and minor typographical errors. **Motion by Schilling** to recommend adoption of the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance to the Township Board, **seconded by Suchuch**; all in favor, none in opposition, motion passed unanimously.

The Anti-Junk and Blight Ordinance received no discussion at this meeting.

Vice Chair Schilling updated the Planning Commission on selected Township Board topics of interest to the Planning Commission. The Zoning Administrator reported that there were no pending appeals. The Zoning Administrator presented the monthly report and again emphasized the importance of training for all.

Planner Grobbel was contacted via phone for an update on the Zoning Ordinance progress. The Planning Commission was informed that he had already completed many housekeeping edits and

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was working on some definitions as well as the General Provisions. He informed the Planning Commission those items such as: Nonconformities, Permits, and Administration did need to be reviewed but should be very noncontroversial in nature as they are policy / procedure driven.

There was brief discussion regarding the impact of the 'new' medical marihuana statutes and how Norman Township wanted to accommodate for this 'use'.

Member Schuch left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Vice Chair Schilling introduced language regarding an Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance to the Planning Commission. The members discussed enforcement, language such as 'reasonable', firearms / discharge, and other terms. The Planning Commission also discussed the necessity to balance any regulations with the needs of the community as a whole and to not just react to several occurrences. The Zoning Administrator explained that in the last six and a half years that there have only been two or three instances of 'noise' related complaints that have been brought to his attention. All have been determined to be classified more as neighborly disputes that the Township should not become involved in.

Public comment was offered: None received.

Motion by Schilling at 8:18 to adjourn, **seconded by Ridley**, all in favor, none in opposition, motioned passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted on behalf of the Norman Township Planning Commission,



Robert (Bob) Hall

Zoning Administrator

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