



BANKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.
July 14, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at ^{6 P.M.} 7:00 p.m. by Bill Austin
2. **Roll Call/Recognition of visitors:**
 - Members present:** Austin, Cooper, Parafin, Miles, Wieland. Also present ZA Veenstra, rec/sec Shooks
 - Visitors present:** Marv Rubingh
3. **Approval of minutes:** MMs by Cooper, Parafin to approve June Minutes. MC
4. **Public Hearing (when scheduled):** None
5. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
6. **Response and comments from commissioners**
7. **Reports:**
 - Zoning Board of Appeals:** no report
 - Zoning Administrator:** Mining operation and pole barn on Byers Rd by Matt Heeres. No permit was applied for, so Andy will follow up.
Working with McCarthy's on the neighbor's garage encroaching on his lot by nearly 2 feet
Small farm application...horses and chickens of 5 acres.
 - Township Board Representative:**
Crowd funding for Lemond property acquisition...public can make tax deductible donations,
Stone house up the hill on Center St will be donated to the Historical society, and probably will become a walk-in museum
Septic line was drilled through by power company...will be dealt with
8. **Old Business: Discussion on Language change:**
 - Township Board asked about a minimum lot width for waterfront property.
 - MMS by Cooper, Miles, to add footnote n to read: For lots which border waterfront, the minimum lot width shall be 100 feet in Agriculture district. MC
 - Marv Rubingh felt the proposal didn't agree with the land management as stated in the Master Plan
 - MMS by Wieland, Parafin to send the proposed language changes to the Township Board for comments. MC
9. **New Business, announcements, correspondence**
 - MMS by Cooper, Austin, to elect the following officers: Parafin, chair, Miles, Vice Chair, Joni Secretary. MC
 - Parafin will provide report on Shoreline Zoning from MSU workshop he attended.
10. **Adjournment at 7:25**


Bill Austin, sec'y


Irene Shooks, rec/sec