

Draft of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting

November 4 2015

1. Call to Order- Chairperson Daly called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm
2. Roll Call- all present except Schultz- absent and excused. Cronenwett appointed acting Secretary.
3. Approve of Minutes from October 7, 2015- Motion by Tarchala to approve minutes as submitted, second by Derhammer. Abstained: Paquin and Morris. All others voted in favor.
4. Approval of Agenda- Motion by Cronenwett, Second by Paquin to approve agenda with addition of item 7. B- Trailway Plan discussion. All voted in favor.
5. Public Comments on Agenda Items:
Regarding Midwest Energy Cooperative Fiber Communication Project: Chris and Jim Adams have concerns that any new cables should be buried as an ongoing practice of the township. They further discussed particular issues they have had with Midwest Energy. They have found them to be disrespectful of their property, and not responsive to their stated concerns. They further are asking where cables are currently buried, why would Midwest be allowed to hand the fiber optics on poles.

Gary Stock stated that it took 2 to 3 years to get Midwest to come and take abandoned poles and wires off of his property.

6. New Business-
 - a. Midwest Energy Cooperative Fiber Communication Project
Motion by Cronenwett, second by Derhammer: In consideration of the Midwest Energy Cooperative Fiber Communication Project the Planning Commission requests the Township board
 - assess the proposal and its implications on non-compete agreements already in existence
 - evaluate the feasibility of requiring underground installation of the high speed fiber optic line
 - request a legal review of the townships authority on this matter.

All voted in favor.

7. Old Business-
 - a. Zoning Code Text Amendments: Front yard, Front lot lines, buildings, etc. – Agreement on a few small changers to proposal by LSL. Planning Commission will look at final draft at December meeting and plan on public hearing at the January meeting.
 - b. Trailway Plan Discussion- Motion by Tarchala, second by Derhammer to support proposed route, phases and cost structure submitted by Wightman for consideration of the Township Board. All voted in favor.
8. Communication- Cronenwett will not be in attendance at December meeting.
9. Adjournment- Motion to Adjourn by Cronenwett, second by Morris at 8:38. All voted in favor.