

**Draft of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting  
May 4, 2016**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Paquin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Morris, Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz, Cronenwett  
**Absent & Excused:** Daly, Derhammer. **Also present:** David Jirousek, LSL Planning and guests
3. **Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Tarchala second by Morris to approve the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting of April 6, 2016 as presented. Abstained: Cronenwett. All others voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Agenda-**Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor.
5. **Public Comments on Agenda Items-**none

**6. Old Business**

**A. Discussion: Future Zoning Code Amendments**

David Jirousek and commissioners discussed the following: low impact development, buffer restrictions, cluster development, maximum lot coverage and impervious surface, soil compaction, natural flow pathways, storm water and identifying natural features (ponds, trees on site plans). Guidelines/requirements could be added to Chapter II.2 and 11.6 for better definition and clarity of site plan. In addition overhead vs underground utilities was also discussed, with the interest in requiring new developments in commercial and subdivisions to bury utilities in the township.

**B. Discussion: Future Zoning Map Amendments**

David Jirousek discussed with commissioners three cases where property is being requested to be rezoned. 1.) Sid Longjohn, rezoning to GC on Red Arrow Hwy. and 25<sup>th</sup> 2.) John Bosker, rezoning to R-1 (including 5 parcels to the west). 3. Mark Lipson, Rezoning to GC (conditional) or text amendment. Options were discussed by commissioners.

Morris excused from meeting at 8:20 pm.

**Comments and Communications Concerning Items not on the Agenda**

Paquin informed commissioners the Portman Nature Preserve was approved by Almena Township and will be forwarded to Van Buren County Commission for their support of approval. On May 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to view the property; further information will be forthcoming.

David Jirousek informed commissioners that there were ten (10) junk/blight enforcement checks made in Antwerp Township.

**Adjournment-**Motion by Cronenwett second by Paquin to adjourn meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise M. Schultz, secretary*