

**Draft of the Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting
October 2, 2019**

1. **Call to Order**-Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call**-Present: Stock, Paquin, Tarchala, Daly, Morris, Schultz, Cronenwett.
Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning and guests.
3. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Paquin to approve the minutes of September 4, 2019 as presented. All voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Cronenwett to approve the agenda as amended by Tarchala to add 7A. Trailway. All voted in favor.

5. Public Comments on Non-Hearing Agenda Items-none

6. Planning Commission Discussion. Tall Grass and Weeds Ordinance

Discussion by commissioners and David Jirousek in regards to a tall grass and weed ordinance. Review of Township of Keeler and Hartford tall grass/weed ordinance. Commissioners recommended looking at other townships for examples, and some clarification of the process/notices of how they would be handled. Question whether this is a policy issue or an ordinance issue. Commissioners would like to continue to look at this issue.

7. Planning Commission Discussion-Goal-setting

Review of 2019 goals set and accomplished as per David Jirousek memorandum of September 24, 2019. Discussion of goals and priorities for the remainder of the year and into 2020.

Items suggested by commissioners:

- a. Checklist for environmental overlay
- b. Form based coding on Red Arrow Corridor
- c. Township citizen survey
- d. Compile summary of complaints/issues for commissioner's review
- e. Solar energy-Special Land use or not?
- f. PUD review

A. Trailway

Tarchala gave an updated report on the Township Trailway. MDOT and Federal highway have given approval for the Trailway project with MNR funding being available for funding in April of 2020. The concept will be approved by the DEQ, with an estimated start time frame of 2021/2022. Whitman will be working with us on this phase of the project.

8. Comments and Communications Concerning Items not on the Agenda

Mark Boven suggest review of Special Land Use Plan for solar energy, perhaps the restrictions should be eased up to encourage this type of energy.

9. **Adjournment**-Motion by Morris second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting.
All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary