

Baroda Township Planning Commission  
Minutes  
January 14, 2019

The Baroda Township Planning Commission met in the Baroda Municipal Building meeting room at 9091 First Street, Baroda. Present were David Schultz, Dean Schmaltz, Tom Shafer, Peter Van Vooren, Brenda Troxell, and Ed Heyn along with Wendie Shafer, Secretary and three audience members. Absent was Patrick Freehling. Chairman David Schultz opened the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

The minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dean Schmaltz moved, Seconded by David Schultz to approve the minutes. Vote –all Yes. Motion Carried.

Wendie Shafer presented the Building and Zoning report indicating that one Building permit and one Zoning permit had been issued for a new home to be built at 8511 Gray Rd.

There was no unfinished business.

David Schultz reported that he was made aware that someone is considering putting up tiny houses for short term rental purposes. He asked the Commissioners if they thought there would be need to further amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for them. It was suggested that the Tourist Home, Campground and Resorts Special uses address this issue. There was some discussion about what constitutes a residence and when or why a home “residence” is required to occupy its own separate lot.

Ed Heyn asked if it would be permitted for him to put up a Pole barn home on his property. The commissioners referred him to Building Inspector Ross Rogien, but thought it would be permitted as long as the residential building code is met.

Patrick Hanlin, a Baroda Fireman, discussed the possibility of installing exercise equipment along the Twp. Park paved path to encourage people to exercise. He would like to have the Firemen meet to exercise regularly, meeting at the old pavilion on scheduled mornings. Chairman David Schultz explained that the Planning Commission is not involved in decisions of this kind, and suggested Mr. Hanlin bring his proposal to the Township Board whose meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan, 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman David Schultz adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday February 11, 2019.

Wendie Shafer  
Baroda Township Planning Commission Secretary