

Planning Commission MINUTES January 10th, 2019

PRESENT: Gerry Feld, Mitch Czech, Art Buhs, Mary Jo Holewa, Scott Johnson, Jerry Lang, Dan Gottwalt, Warren Peschl

Staff: Roxanne Achman, Karen E Loehrer

1. Scott called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introductions for new member, Jerry Lang, from District 5.
3. Mitch nominated Scott for 2019 Chair. Art seconded and the motion carried. Dan nominated Gerry for Vice-Chair. Mitch seconded and the motion carried.
4. Gerry moved to appoint Mitch to the Board of Adjustment. Warren seconded and the motion carried,
5. Warren moved to approve the agenda. Gerry seconded and the motion carried.
6. Mitch moved to approve the minutes from the December 13th, 2018 meeting. Art seconded and the motion carried.
7. Public hearing to consider Ordinance #470. Roxanne stated that this came up with the widening of County Road 78. Benton County's road setbacks are stricter than surrounding counties. She went over the proposed changes to the setbacks. These changes would apply to all zoning districts. The proposed changes would be consistent for centerline and right of way setbacks.

Chris Byrd, County Highway Engineer, stated that the widening of the county road needs 60 ft. from the center of the roadway for the highway easement. This is creating non-conforming structures which cause the county to award damages to those landowners increasing the cost of the project. With these changes the setback from the center line or right of way would put the building in the same spot. The

proposed changes will leave room for utilities. Roxanne stated that these changes only apply to county roads not State or Township roads.

Roxanne read a letter in support from Mayhew Lake Township Board.

Gerry moved to close the public hearing. Art seconded and the motion carried.

Warren moved to recommend approval of Ord. 470 to the County Board. Dan seconded and the motion carried.

8. Art commended Scott on his job as Chair.
9. Mitch moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Gerry seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E Loehrer
Administrative Secretary