

January 19, 2017

The Portage Township Planning Commission January 19, 2017 meeting was called to order by chair Melanie Watkins at 7:02 PM. Present were Watkins, Ted Soldan, John Ligon, Connie Sherry, Dave Rulison, and Peggy Anderson. Guests Bill Bingham, John Ollila, and Bill Fink were also present.

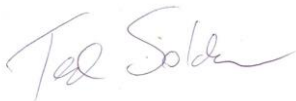
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Peggy, seconded by Connie, and passed.

John and Bill were recognized by the chair. They suggested that in their work as Township Co-Zoning Administrators that some aspects of the zoning ordinance might need some tweaking. In the description of "family," there can be only one unrelated person in the home, and this can cause problems for people purchasing single family homes as rentals. We discussed the various residential districts, and the consensus of agreement was that R1 would stay like it is, but R2 and below would allow an additional use of single and multiple family homes as rentals. It was determined that a definition of a "renter" was needed, and Melanie tasked Ted to address that definition project.

After that discussion, the commission discussed the civil infraction and rental ordinances. Soldan moved to send these ordinances forward to the township board for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Rulison and carried with no dissent.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:11 pm by Dave, seconded by Peggy, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Soldan".

Ted Soldan, Secretary

# Planning Commission 1/19/12

1. TED SLOAN
2. Peggy Lee Anderson
3. Melanie Watkins
4. Dan Pulise
5. Constance Sherry
6. John Lyon

Audience Bill Bingham  
John Ollila  
Bill Fink

# Planning Commission 11/30/16

1. TED SOLOAN
2. Dean Latendresse
3. Constance Sherry
4. DE Rulises
5. Peggy Lu Amb
6. Bruce Peterson
7. Bill Fink
8. Melanie Vathes

