

TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD

January 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Planning Board members present: Vice-Chairman Jack Bossard, Jason Holevinski, James Fodge, and Paul Harrington, Wesley Coots, and Andrea Barry

Guest attending: Gary Rice

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jack Bossard at 7:05 pm.

Since the November meeting did not have a quorum, the minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Paul Harrington and seconded by Jim Fodge to approve the minutes. Carried: Harrington, aye; Fodge, aye; Barry, aye; Holevinski, aye; Coots, aye; Bossard aye.

Discussion was held with regard to vacancy of the Chairman since Gary Rice resigned as of 11/14/2018 as he was voted in to be a Councilman of the Town of Howard Board. Wesley Coots made a motion and seconded by Jack Bossard the new Chairman would be Andrea Barry and Gary Rice would become the liaison from the Town Board. Carried: Coot, aye; Bossard, aye; Holevinski, aye; Barry, aye; Fodge, aye; Harrington, aye.

Jim Fodge has agreed to serve another term on the Planning Board. A motion was made by Wesley Coots and seconded by Paul Harrington to reappoint Jim Fodge to a 5 year term on the Planning Board commencing 1/1/2019 and ending 12/31/2023. Carried: Harrington, aye; Coots, aye; Barry, aye; Holevinski, aye; Bossard, aye; Fodge, aye.

A motion was made by Jim Fodge and seconded by Jack Bossard to set the regular Planning Board meetings for 2019 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Carried Fodge, aye; Bossard, aye; Harrington, aye; Holevinski, aye; Coots, aye; Barry, aye.

The Planning Board discussed the fact that there is now a vacancy for one member and two alternates.

Gary Rice shared that the Town Board rejected changes to the Town of Howard Land Use Laws that were proposed by the Planning Board after the recent Public Hearing.

The Planning Board agreed that having high speed broadband is important to the Town of Howard community and Jim Fodge shared recent interactions with Spectrum. There should be a continuous effort to contact local state politicians regarding this.

A motion was made by Jack Bossard and seconded by Jim Fodge to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Bossard, aye; Fodge, aye; Barry, aye; Harrinton, aye; Coots, aye; Holevinski, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm.