

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b><u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u></b>  <b>Regular Meeting</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b><u>Thursday, September 20, 2018</u></b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p> <b>MINUTES</b>  Page 1 of 2  <b>APPROVED:</b> <u>AL</u> </p>
<p> <b>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairperson: C. Strickland</b>  <b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>  <b><u>Roll Call: Present:</u></b> Fiala, Beukema, Strickland, T. Knowles, Jansens, VandenBerg.  <b><u>Absent:</u></b> P. Heystek  <b><u>Staff Present:</u></b> Sandy Marcukaitis, Chuck Biggs- Constable.  <b><u>Not present:</u></b> Eric Thompson, PCI-Zoning Administrator  <b><u>Not Present:</u></b> Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner  <b><u>Visitors:</u></b> 2 (not including staff present). </p>	<p> <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  <b>PLEDGE</b>  <b>ROLL CALL</b> </p>
<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u></b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>CHANGES TO AGENDA</b> NONE.</p>
<p><b><u>REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES:</u></b>  <b><u>Board of Trustees-</u></b> Shane VandenBerg, Trustee, commented that the Planning &amp; Zoning Board will be looking at a Boat Wash ordinance in the near future. A Public Hearing will be held on Oct. 11, for the Special Assessment District for Payne Lake Weed Control (Extension). Also passed was a Sewer increase by \$2.00 per month, the grinders ordinance passed, a new window was installed in the Treasurer's office, and 50% Lot Coverage amendment was passed.  <b><u>ZBA-</u></b> Patrick Jansens commented there was no ZBA meeting held this month. </p>	<p><b>BOARD REPORTS</b> from <b>REPRESENTATIVES</b></p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u></b>  <b>M. Englerth, Supervisor,</b> spoke regarding assessor's plats and amended plats. Englerth commented that he will be sharing with the township board to find a resolution for dysfunctional legal descriptions. Englerth commented "legal descriptions are probably the biggest nightmare you'll ever have." Englerth drew a sketch on the whiteboard of the issue involved. Some items have to be answered by an attorney, noted Englerth. Englerth did not give the address/area of this situation. Englerth commented that the plat he was addressing could be anywhere (in the township).  <b>Fiala</b> commented on what the PC has done in the past with similar situations and that the Barry County Road Commission has spent a lot of time on a closely related item just recently. Fiala commented that Brad Lamberg could advise on this. The Road Commission has a lot of technical information, that the Road Commission has paid for, that is available to the township. </p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>

**Englerth** commented to do the work once, rather than again and again, would really make sense. Englerth commented that he is going to ask the township board regarding this and an attorney, a surveyor and professional planner will most likely be involved. "By all pooling together, we will have a better chance of success," commented Englerth.

**Englerth** also thanked everyone at tonight's meeting for their participation in the Joint Meeting on Thursday, September 13th.

**Cathy Strickland**, inquired if M. Englerth received a resignation letter from Paul Heystek, (Chair of the Planning Commission). Englerth commented that there hasn't been a resignation letter received and Heystek has turned his zoning books into the township office. Englerth commented that he has advertised for the position on the PC with the consent of the Township Board. He has been advised that legally, someone who is no longer living in the township cannot vote, or sit on the board. The Board is moving forward on this, per Englerth. C. Strickland commented that she was looking for a concrete ending date. Englerth commented that there is no concrete date yet.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Motion by Fiala with support of R. Beukema to approve minutes of August 16, 2018 as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Private Road Standards and the Land Division Ordinance Review Draft Language from Planner, Rebecca Harvey)**

C. Strickland commented that she wasn't sure how much progress with Private Road Standards could be made at the PC meeting this evening, in the absence of R. Harvey, Professional Planner. PC members were in agreement with C. Strickland.

*Motion by VandenBerg with support from T. Knowles to table the issue of private roads until the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Beukema with support from Jansens to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by: Tressa Knowles 10/19/18  
Tressa Knowles, Planning Commission Secretary Date

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO TABLE ISSUE OF PRIVATE ROADS (UNTIL OCT. MTG.)**

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary  
Sept. 20, 2018 PC