

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Colby Snyder, Chairperson called the April meeting of the Jackson Township Planning Commission held on April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM to order. Commission members present were Zachary Steckler, and Ned Leppo. Planning Commission Members Brad Dunham, and Kevin Lain were absent. Staff members present were Township Engineer Jeff Shue, and Township Manager Florence Ford. There were two people in the audience with business to come before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting was approved on a motion of Leppo/Steckler, motion carries 3-0.

ZONING HEARING APPLICATION:

1. Variance request related to the keeping on Non-Commercial Livestock Chapter 133-127
Applicant: Derek and Sara Eisenhower

The Eisenhower's are asking for a variance from the requirements of keeping livestock on their 2.17 acre property. They would like to keep miniature horses and miniature Highland cows. Maybe goats in the future. They currently have 3 animals they would like to move to their property. They have laid out an area that would be fenced of approximately ½ acre for pasture area. They intend to house the animals in their barn at night. They are prepared to store feed in metal cans and know they have to supplement feeding the animals with hay and grain. There was discussion among the planning commission members about limiting the number of animals they could keep. The Planning Commission thought that 4 animals should be the limit.

A motion was made by Steckler/Leppo to recommend approval to the Zoning Hearing Board for the Eisenhower's variance request, conditioned upon limiting the number of animals to 4. Motion carries 3-0.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW:

1. Final Subdivision Plan – Applicant: Dean E. and Lureen K. Nelson

The applicant's engineer was not in attendance. The Township Engineer reviewed the plan with the Planning Commission. The subdivision lies in both Heidelberg and Jackson Townships.

Staff concurred that all items left outstanding on the Plan are administrative in matter and the plans can be acted on. Staff also pointed out at there was a sewage planning waiver to consider and the Planning Commission should act on the waiver first, then consider the Plan.

1. Final Subdivision Plan – Applicant: Dean E. and Lureen K. Nelson (continued).

Sewage Planning Waiver

A motion was made by Steckler/Leppo to recommend approval of the sewage planning waiver. Motion carries 3-0.

Final Subdivision Plan for Dean E. and Lureen K. Nelson

A motion of Leppo/Steckler was made to recommend approval for the Final Subdivision Plan to the Board of Supervisors conditioned on the comments in the Engineer's review Letter dated April 5, 2024. Motion carries 3-0.

Other Business:

The Staff asked the Planning Commission to consider recommending approval to the Board of Supervisors of Proposed Ordinance 231-2024 Pets, Non-Commercial Keeping of Chickens, Ducks, and pigeons. Staff reviewed the Ordinance with the Planning Commission members. Planning Commission member, Ned Leppo asked what the minimum lot size was required. Staff answered 15,000 s.f., and other requirements concerning coop placement, and feed storage. Additionally, an applicant would need to come and fill out a permit and indicate where the coop was going to be placed as well as feed storage.

A motion to recommend Approval of Ordinance 231-2024 was made by Leppo/Steckler. Motion carries 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM. on a motion of Steckler/Leppo. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Florence Ford, Township Manager/Assistant Township Secretary