

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Seville Township Hall

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2023

Chairperson B. Leiter called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson B. Leiter, Secretary Ashlee Gibson -Smith, Brian Balcom, Lenny Cusenza and Jason Crites

Member Absent: None

B. Leiter requested an adjustment to the agenda to add a second public comment at the end of the meeting.

Motioned by L Cusenza, seconded by J Crites to approve the agenda for September 12, 2023. **Agenda Approved**

Motioned by J Crites, seconded by L Cusenza to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2023. **Minutes Approved**

Guest Speaker: Mikey VanHorn of Riverdale addressed the issue of feral cats in Riverdale. She is concerned with the number of cats in Riverdale and that they are dangerous, and it is leading to a dangerous situation. She is also concerned with the number of dogs that people have in town. She is requesting to have an ordinance that will limit the number of dogs and cats in the township.

B. Leiter addressed that dogs are policed by the county animal control and cats would be a police powered ordinance for township board to put in place.

Public Comment: 7:13 pm -7:20 pm

Debra Parker- discussed the grass ordinance that was brought up at the last township board meeting. She thinks that there should be more research into why a grass ordinance should be considered.

Sherry Root- Announcement for Lumberjack Park for Family Fun event this Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Planning Commission Bylaws were presented by the lawyer. Adjustments were made to the presented by laws.

Motioned by B.Balcom, seconded by J. Crites to approve the Planning Commission Bylaws as presented. **Motion Approved**

Discussion on the animal ordinance for a resident in Riverdale that wants to raise a hog that has 1.23 acres. Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance and deemed that as long as he follows the ordinance in place he can raise a hog.

Planning commission discussed a new fencing ordinance. Ideas for a fencing ordinance were brought up by the Zoning Administrator, Linda Kresnak. Discussion by planning commission on height of fence, set back from property lines, maintenance of both sides of the fence, sight lines, who maintains grass by the fence for adjacent property owners, property line offset agreed upon by neighbors (neighbors to sign an agreement) waiver to be signed on the permit.

Motioned B. Balcom, seconded by L. Cusenza to table the fencing ordinance to the next meeting. **Approved**

Public Comment: 8:42-8:44

Motioned by L Cusenza, seconded by B Balcom to adjourn. **Approved**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Ashlee Gibson-Smith, Planning Commission Secretary

APPROVED