

Rome Township Planning Commission Minutes for August 23, 2016

1. Mike Griffith, Chairman called to order the August 23rd planning commission meeting at 7:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Leo Oswald was asked by Chairman Griffith to be acting secretary.
2. Acting Secretary Leo Oswald conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mike Griffith, Jeff Elwell, Pat Bournes and Leo Oswald. Absent were Harvey Warrick, Robin Robertson & Kevin Fisher.
3. Motion by Oswald and 2nd by Bournes to approve the minutes of July 26 minutes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Elwell and 2nd by Bournes to approve agenda with no changes. Motion carried.
5. No reports from Township Representative, Zoning Officer or Zoning Board of Appeals.
6. Old Business: With Chairman Griffith guidance members reviewed Section 15.55 of Rome Township Zoning Ordinance pages 94 thru 96. Discussion was primarily on trying to determine at what point a hobby or other activity becomes a home occupation or cottage industry. Should current wording be changed and if so, in what way. All agreed we do not want to discourage people from starting a new business, but also do not want to create a nuisance for the adjoining properties. Also discussed was if enforcement should be based on complaints or should the zoning officer be looking for non-compliance. Member Oswald also asked members if there was a need for both an R-1 and R-2 category as listed in Section 2.05 on Page 8. Also if anyone knew why on page 17 the R-2 category does not require frontage on a public or private road. Chairman Griffith recommended that since 3 members were not present we continue the discussion at the next meeting.
7. Since no members of the public were in attendance, there was no public comment.
8. Motion by Ewell 2nd by Bournes to adjourn, motion carried.
9. Mike Griffith, chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Leo Oswald - Acting secretary

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman

