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**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**DATE: August 14, 2017                      TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
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**MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair – Jerome Doyle	Robert Gensheimer
Vice Chair – Mark Newman	Donn Hinds
Secretary – Ronald Flowers	William Mills
Daniel J. McGrath, Board of Trustees Representative	
Joyce A. Wilson, Recording Secretary	

**PRESENT:** Jerome Doyle, Ronald Flowers, Robert Gensheimer, Donn Hinds, William Mills and Mark Newman

**ABSENT:** Daniel McGrath

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eight (8) other individuals

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by Planning Commission Chair **JEROME DOYLE** with Roll Call and Pledge to the American Flag.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Flowers to approve the agenda as submitted.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Hinds to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting as submitted.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Special Use Permit to dig a pond at 8195 W. Frances Road, vacant land, Parcel No.08-02-200-010 pursuant to Special Use Permits Article XVIII, Section 20-1804 (BB) Ponds

Mr. Dave Stanley was present and he stated he would be digging the pond for the owners James and Kimberly Ostrander. The Planning Commission discussed the need for more detail on the plans and the difficulty of approving them without those details. It was also pointed out there were discrepancies between the drawing and the answers on the checklist form. Chairman Doyle stated there were twenty questions on the checklist that needed to be answered.

Mr. Stanley stated he had been to the County to get the necessary permits for the pond, dirt removal, etc. but needed approval from the township too.

Commissioner Newman stated the County usually would give you provisional approval contingent on approval by the Township.

The Planning Commission did ask if there were questions regarding the request from the audience. Ms. Erma Bell of 8133 Francis Rd. questioned what the pond would be used for, i.e. business, personal use. It was stated it would be a recreational pond for personal use only.

**COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Gensheimer to table this item until the September 11, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Mike Hanna, the builder for the house, was present and answered questions from the Planning Commission. He also stated he could obtain an engineered drawing for the next meeting.

The Commission suggested showing the grade of the land in order to see how the pond will get water, also they asked about berms and how water flow would be diverted along with the slope to the pond. It was also questioned how high the water table was in the area.

After a brief discussion, the following vote was taken:

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Newman pointed out the Township previously had a full time Building Inspector and he would review the paperwork to make sure everything was in order before the item came to the Planning Commission and this was not the case now.

2. Election of Officers

**COMMISSIONER FLOWERS MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Gensheimer to keep the same officers, Jerome Doyle – President, Ronald Flowers – Secretary, since it is already half way through the year.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

It was suggested that applicants be given samples of correct drawings when they applied for different requests at the township.

The Commission moved the date of the October Meeting to Tuesday, October 10, 2017 because of the Columbus Day holiday.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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JEROME DOYLE, Chair

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RONALD FLOWERS, Secretary

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Date of Approval

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Joyce A. Wilson, Recording Secretary