

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 15, 2019

The Empire Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Tom Kaldunski at 8:00 PM.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Bob Bjerke, Chris Williamson, Charles Seipel, and liaison Ed Gerten.

Development rights for the Betzold properties were discussed. It was concluded that there are three development rights on the George and Phyllis land (PID # 120330001020) and one development right on the Kyle Betzold land (PID# 120330001030). These were the development rights before these properties were placed in the Flood Plain designation. It should be determined if the development rights are still present after being placed in the Flood Plain designation.

It was reported that a certified letter has been sent to the Abram property on Clayton Ave. regarding the evidence of business operation on the property. The certification receipt came back in the mail that the letter has been received. The Planning Commission recommended that staff verify if the business sign has been removed from the property within the next month. If the sign remains on the property, another letter, providing a timeline to remove the sign should be sent.

Discussion was held on areas for future business development. The area near Coats, off of Highway 52 was discussed as an ideal spot. The Ames Construction yard site would be able to serve as the future location of Ames main offices. They would need access to a water source for the sprinkler system. Future development in the northwest portion of the Township would need access to water and sewer. It is possible to bore services under the railroad tracks if necessary.

It was reported that the next EFPAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 6:00 PM at Farmington City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.