

Town of Herman Planning Commission
1/25/16 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Herman Planning Commission met at the Town Hall on January 25, 2016. Commission members present were Joe Thelen, Howie Schultz, Bob Korth, Bert Grover, and Joe DeBaker.

Chairman Thelen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

It was noted that the meeting had been properly posted at the Gresham and Leopolis Post Offices and at Pederson's Bar.

The minutes of the last commission meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: Grover reported that he has the information on Farmland Preservation. It was agreed that he would get the information to DeBaker who will prepare a draft write-up for the commission's consideration.

DeBaker reported that he had sent an e-mail to Planning and Zoning asking for input on whether any of the charts in Chapter one needs to be updated. He has not received a response as yet.

New Business: The commission discussed whether or not the updated Plan should contain the original text along with the changes or if the updated plan should stand on its own. DeBaker proposed that we keep track of all changes until after the public hearing on the new plan so that it is obvious what changes are being made. At that point the old wording would be eliminated. There was consensus that this approach would be used.

Korth presented his write-up of the conclusions from Chapter 1. Some editing may be needed depending on what we hear from Planning and Zoning, but it was agreed the draft captured the important points we had discussed.

There was general agreement that a lot of the items in the Long Range Plan were things that the Town had little or no control over and a discussion followed as to what should be kept and what should be discarded. There was consensus that items would not be removed based on the ability of the Town to control them. Only items that no longer applied or were no longer true would be deleted. New factors would be added.

With that in mind, it was decided that the only thing in Chapter Two that needed to be modified was Farmland Preservation issues since the Law has changed since the original plan was written. DeBaker agreed to try to draft something with the help of Grover's information.

Another new factor which impacts both Agriculture and Town roads is the new Implements of Husbandry Law. DeBaker agreed to draft something for Chapter Two for the board's consideration.\

The next meeting was set for February 8 at 9AM at the Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:45 AM

Joe DeBaker - Secretary