

# Roscommon Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2019

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeske at 6:00 pm**

**Roll Call Vote of Members:** Brotebeck *present*, Milburn *present* Barnes *present*, Jeske *present*, Porath *absent*  
Zoning Administrator: DuPuis *present*.

**Also in attendance:** Michael Chisholm, Beth Toomey, Christine Rubino

- **Agenda: Motion: by Brotebeck, second by Barnes to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote. All ayes, Motion carried.**
- **Minutes: Jeske asked the commissioners if they all had a chance to look over the previous meeting minutes. Motion: by Brotebeck, second by Barnes to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes as presented, with the change of highlighting the motions. Roll call vote. All ayes, Motion carried.**
- Jeske opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda, stating that the first item on the Agenda is the discussion on long term rental of rooms in old motels as apartments. Do we revise our Zoning Ordinance? DuPuis stated that he has concerns about three categories of rentals: 1) Long term rentals of old refurbished motels being rented as apartments for low income residents or on public assistance. The issue is that these are not intended to be long term as the occupants do not have the basics to live long term, no kitchen, no fire walls between rooms, nothing for water but the bathroom, etc. 2) The AirBnB's and VRBO's that are popping up everywhere around the lake in our Township and all of the other townships. Many are located in residential neighborhoods and are causing nuisances in many cases by renters who are here to party, they disregard the neighbors many times with vulgar language, parking on neighbors' property, noise nuisance late into the night, etc. 3) The other category of rentals that I believe we need to regulate are long term rentals of dwellings that are not up to code and are basically sub-standard housing rented out by slum lords. Jeske agreed that this is an issue in our township that we need to address. He recommends that we review the Ordinances that DuPuis provided and come back next month to discuss.
- Jeske stated the next agenda item is Funland. DuPuis stated that Funland has not operated for a couple of years and perhaps Mr. Daniels may be considering selling. Diane requested that the Planning Commission give it some thought as to what may be a good use for the property if Mr. Daniels will be looking to sell. DuPuis will speak to Mr. Daniels about his long term plans.
- Jeske asked for comments from the floor. Resident requested that we look at our Ordinances to put more bite to our Ordinances as to penalties. Resident two asked how the Township could regulate on landlords that would be different than homeowner resident. Commissioner Milburn gave example of Ordinance on Landlords than she was familiar with that put very tight regulations on Landlords and the condition of the properties. Resident two asked that we inspect the tire issue at Wilson's Auto again. Resident three asked about the situation of excess cars at Bill's Auto. Commissioner Brotebeck mentioned that Bill's Auto is grandfathered in to a certain extent. Jeske asked DuPuis to research Bill's situation and bring back info to the Commission.

- **Adjourning Meeting: Jeske made the motion to adjourn, second by Barnes, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.**

- **Next Scheduled Meeting Date: October 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm.**



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**Bryan Jeske, Chairperson**



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**Bob Brotebeck, Secretary**

Prepared and submitted by Terry A. DuPuis