

**MINUTES**  
**Homestead Inland Joint Planning Commission**  
**Homestead Township Hall**  
**December 16, 2015**

**Approved with Correction January 20, 2016**

**1.) Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Andersen at 7:01 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Christy Andersen, Fred Poynor, Cathy Demitroff, Doug Durkee, Dan Moore, and Mary Miller were present. Rob Widrig and Brad Skusa were absent. Roger Hubbell was excused.

Staff present: Roger Williams, Zoning Administrator, and Sara Kopriva, Recording Secretary.

Also present were 8 guests.

**2.) Agenda**

Motion by Miller and seconded by Demitroff to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**3.) Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Demitroff and seconded by Poynor to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting with the correction to New Business, a., 2<sup>nd</sup> line, from 'neighbot' to 'neighbor'.

Discussion regarding written suggested changes to minutes submitted by Keith Reimersma.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4.) Public Input**

Andersen read the rules aloud.

Keith Reimersma provided documents to the Commission and reviewed the documents regarding Zoning Ordinances, junkyards, and impound lots.

Carrie Corey spoke about Mr. Reimersma's comments and how they operate their business.

**5.) Close Public Input**

**6.) New Business:**

**a. review of application for rezoning to set public hearing**

Andersen excused herself as she has a conflict with application.

Poynor took over chairing the meeting.

Williams handed out application to rezone property across from Inland Township Hall in Section 14 of Inland Township to commercial. The application is complete and the fee paid.

Motion by Demitroff and seconded by Durkee to schedule a public hearing at the January meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Andersen return to the meeting and resumed chair position.

**b. Discussion of procedure regarding minutes for Planning Commission**

There was discussion about the procedure for who receives minutes and who makes corrections, when necessary. It was determined that the recording secretary would send draft minutes to Chair and both Township Clerks. Once the minutes are approved, the Recording Secretary will make any corrections and forward to the Township Clerks to post as required.

**c. Approval of invoice for attorney services**

The commission received an invoice from the attorney for \$93.

Motion by Demitroff and seconded by Durkee to approve payment of \$93 for attorney invoice. Roll call vote: Ayes-Poynor, Demitroff, Durkee, Moore, Miller, Andersen. Nay-None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. ) Old Business**

**a. Review and comment on the draft amendment, Section 3.37, regarding Medical Marijuana, to the Zoning Ordinance.**

Inland Township Board reviewed the amendment and suggested some minor changes to the amendment that include changing section number to 3.37, change C. to in any residential district, and pg 3, #6 add '5', and omitted #7.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Durkee to send amendments with revisions to attorney for review and schedule a public hearing for January meeting if received back from township attorney in time for publication. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Update on junk cars-no action by board at this time**

Homestead Township is doing enforcement under their junk ordinance and with the Township attorney. Homestead Supervisor Wooten said that junkyard/impound lots are not a use listed in the current Zoning Ordinance.

**c. Discussion of possible re-zoning parcels in commercial district + direction from Homestead Board**

Discussion about adding bed and breakfast property that had previously requested not to be split zoned. Williams to contact owners of split zoned properties to see if they would like to be rezoned commercial.

Motion by Durkee and seconded by Miller to include bed and breakfast property in January public hearing for rezoning, contact the owners and if in agreement move forward. Motion carried.

Direction from Homestead Board

Williams stated that there is a definition for junkyard but it is not a use listed in any district. May consider adding it to light industrial in the commercial district. Ms. Corey asked for clarification on where the use would be allowed. Mr. Reimersma provided language from other ordinances regarding this use.

**d. Payment Vouchers**

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to pay voucher for those in attendance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Poynor, Demitroff, Durkee, Moore, Miller, Andersen. Nay-None. Motion carried unanimously.

**8.) Reports**

**a. Homestead Twp Board – Dan Moore**

Approved \$400 for Sheriff Department snowmobile patrol. Set 2016 poverty exempt guidelines. Discussed agreement with Sheriff for community police officer. Discussion junk ordinance. Homestead needs to appoint an alternate for the Planning Commission

**b. Inland Twp Board report – Mary Miller**

Disbanded the Park and Recreation Committee, still have members of public work on project, just not formal committee. Fire Department has been working with Sheriff Department to get car to use. Discussion about using wells for water supply for Fire Department instead of tanks. Purchased Hurst tools. Discussing community police officer.

**c. Zoning Administrator**

Mass Gathering Ordinance is going to Township Board in January for re-adoption.

**9.) Open Public Discussion:**

Keith Riemersma provided handout with suggested enforcement process for junk/blight ordinance.

**10.) Close Public Discussion**

**11.) Board go around, discussion/announcements**

Andersen stated that her term in up and is stepping down.

Durkee stated that the Village of Honor does have clean up day and allows for one large item to be placed with trash on the first Monday of the month.

**12.) Adjourn**

Being no more business, motion by Miller and seconded by Demitroff to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted by Sara Kopriva, Recording Secretary