

**LONDON TOWNSHIP**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Monday February 6, 2017

**DRAFT**

Richard Magnus called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was immediately recited.

Roll Call was called:

Doug Darling Present	Pam Ackerman Present
Daryl Nichols Present	Richard Magnus Present
Penny Turner Present	James Turner Present
Leroy Zieske Present	Richard Horn Present
Larry Fiebelkorn Present	

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Doug Darling, seconded by Richard Magnus to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried

**Due to Chair position being open there was a vote to elect a new Chair Person.**

Vice Chair Richard Magnus opened the nominations. It was moved by Penny Turner, seconded by James Turner to nominate Daryl Nichols. There were no other nominations. Doug Darling moved, James Turner supported to close the nominations. Roll Call vote was unanimous for Doug Darling.

Roll Call Vote

Daryl Nichols Yes	Penny Turner Yes	Leroy Zieske Yes
Larry Fiebelkorn Yes	Pam Ackerman Yes	Richard Magnus Yes
James Turner Yes	Richard Horn Yes	Doug Darling Yes

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS**

After discussion it was moved by Doug Darling, supported by Richard Horn to table until the next meeting, so that the board members could have a chance to review the bylaws.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **REVIEW BLIGHT ORDINANCE**

After discussion it was determined that the ordinance did not ever go to the township attorney for revisions on the penalty and fines section. The planning commission decided it should

be taken back to the Township Board for them to submit for corrections. It was moved by Doug Darling, supported by Richard Magnus to return the ordinance to the Township Board so they could submit to township attorney for revisions to the penalties section.

MOTION CARRIED

#### SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FACILITY

Jason Purkey presented to the board information on a commercial growth facility he is proposing to start. He gave a overview of the operations of the facility. He advised the facility would meet all state requirement and be regulated by the state. He advised it would create jobs and a tax base for the township. He advised he would be submitting for permits in December of this year. He wanted to give the board a heads up, so they could start looking at compiling a ordinance and have it in place for such a facility. He advised several other townships have one in place already. It was moved by Doug Darling and supported by Penny Turner that the planning commission and Township Board come up with a sample ordinance for a Sustainable Growth Facility.

MOTION CARRIED

#### QUARRY OPERATION

Robert Hayes and Bruce Bockin gave a presentation on a proposed quarry operation. The project would last from 2017-2027. Citizens who live near the quarry voiced their concerns about the wells, crops and damage to their homes. The representatives tried to address their concerns. Mr. Taepke advised there was a moratorium on right now, so nothing would be done in the near future. He advised the boards are looking at the current ordinances for this type of operation. He advised that there is a process that needs to be followed before anything would be approved. They were advised that their would be a public hearing held also before anything would be approved. The representatives advised they would be submitting applications for the project sometime in April.

**Chairman Douglas Nichols suspended the meeting for planning commission elections.**

#### **Vice Chair**

Daryl Nichols nominated Doug Darling, Richard Horn supported the nomination.  
Richard Magnus nominated James Turner, Doug Darling supported the nomination.  
After roll call vote James Turner was elected to Vice Chairperson. Official vote Darling 2 Turner 7.

#### **Secretary**

Doug Darling nominated Penny Turner, Richard Magnus supported the nomination.  
Penny Turner nominated Pam Ackerman, Larry Fiebelkorn supported the nomination.  
After roll call vote Penny Turner was elected to Secretary. Official vote Turner 8 Ackerman 1

Chairman Douglas Nichols called the meeting back to order.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Giraud Sr questioned why there was a moratorium put on anyway. He wanted to know why the planning commission's decision was ignored regarding the pond ordinance. Mr. Taepke advised that the decision to put the moratorium on was decided by the township attorney and township engineers and himself. He advised he had also gotten several citizen complaints. Daryl Nichols advised that he needed to take the issue up at a Township Board meeting and not at this meeting.

Gary Taepke - He asked the board to review the revisions he submitted for the pond ordinance. He advised that they are working on other ordinance revisions and would be bringing them to the planning commission.

It was moved by Richard Horn, and supported by Larry Fiebelkorn to schedule a March meeting due to the things that needed to be addressed in a timely manner.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Daryl Nichols, supported by Richard Magnus to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Penny Turner