

Clifford Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023

I. Call to order

Sally Fischbeck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Attendees:

Present at the meeting were: Sally Fischbeck, (Chair); Sally Roberts, (Vice Chair/Secretary); Chris Marcho; Joe Laguzzi; and Joan Hertzog. Bob Clementoni was absent.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Joan Hertzog made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023, meeting. Joe Laguzzi seconded the motion. All agreed.

Opening Remarks: It was with heavy hearts the commission discussed the loss of Dick Vauter, and the contributions he made as a long time member of the commission. Dick will be sorely missed. His knowledge and expertise of the workings of the Planning Commission, the history of the ordinances, and the mentorship he provided reflected his dedication to the Clifford Township community.

III. Old Business:

- a) **Update on Snyder Subdivision:** Application is still not completed. They still need to apply for a driveway permit. The application is still on hold.
- b) **Brett Pritchard's Soil Testing at Lake Idlewild:** Justin Ford, Sewer Enforcement Officer, informed the Pritchards they can not use a temporary holding tank in order to proceed with building their new home.
- c) **Update on the Hendrickson Subdivision:** The county saw no issues with the Hendrickson subdivision. Joan Hertzog made a motion to send the package to the supervisors for their approval. Sally Roberts seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IV. New Business:

- a) **Property on Lyon Street:** Scot and Michele (sister) Amato purchased the property on Lyon Street. Scot and wife Patty were present at the meeting. Justin Ford, SEO, had informed the previous property owner that the septic was not satisfactory. The previous owner also received a letter from the township's solicitor stating that the holding tank must be removed and that they were not to use the property as is. The letter was received before the property was sold. The Amatos, who purchased the property listed on a realtor's website, were not informed of the issues pertaining to this property and there was no disclosure form. The Planning Commission concluded that this is not an issue covered under our mission and advised the Amatos work with the SEO to determine a path moving forward. The Amatos were also given a copy of our solicitor's letter to the previous owners.
- b) **Commission Vacancy:** Dan Vauter, son of Dick Vauter, approached Chris Marcho, township supervisor, and offered to serve on the commission for the remainder of Dick's term. Sally Fischbeck agreed that this was a good solution. Joe Laguzzi made a motion to accept Dan as a member of the commission. Joan Hertzog seconded the motion. All agreed.

V. Adjournment: Sally Fischbeck adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

VI. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023, at 6 pm in the Clifford Township Municipal Building.

Sally Roberts
Secretary
Clifford Township Planning Commission