

# Mussey Township Planning Commission

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Bill Schultz, Chair  
Mary Klug, Vice Chair  
Linda Kniseley, Secretary  
Monica Standel, Twp. Board Rep.

Linda Schmitt, Member  
Brian Ypma, Member  
Judy Palmieri, Member

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## Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Held at the Township Hall

28 April, 2015

### Official Minutes

**Call to Order:** Bill Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

**Roll Call:** Present: Bill Schultz, Judy Palmieri, Linda Schmitt, Linda Kniseley, Monica Standel & Bldg./ Zoning Administrator, Debra Hlubic.

**Absent:** Mary Klug & Brian Ypma.

**Public Present:** Joe Herrington, owners of Lynx Towing & Larry Yarbrough from JNL Development.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Monica Standel, support Judy Palmieri to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Judy Palmieri, support Linda Schmitt to approve the March 24, 2015 minutes as written. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** None.

**Public Time:** (1). Joe Herrington asked would like to open a Taxidermy Business out of his residence located at 13615 Koehn Rd.. This will be temporary until he finds a building. There will be no removal of debris, will only be just the stuffing of the animals. All chemicals being used will be flushed down the septic. Discussion. After reviewing section 1333 - Agricultural produce, processing, transferring and storage facilities from our Ordinance, the Planning Commission found no reason to not allow Mr. Herrington to perform his business from his home. Also, this will be temporary. Motion Monica Standel, support Linda Kniseley to approve the Taxidermy Business for Mr. Herrington located at 13615 Koehn Road. All ayes. Motion carried. (2). Larry Yarbrough, property owner of JNL Development attended the meeting to represent Lynx Towing who is purchasing a piece of property from Mr. Yarbrough located on Downey Road to be used for their towing business. The current zoning for this property is B2, Commercial Improved. They asked the Planning Commission if this would be allowed with the current zoning or would they have to request too have it re-zoned to light industrial. Discussion re: the type of structure that will be built on this property, the storing of the vehicles. All vehicles will be located behind the building with a fence around it. Monica Standel stated that after reviewing the Township's B-2 Ordinance, they would qualify for this business to be done at that location. Further discussion. Motion Monica Standel, support Judy Palmieri to allow Lynx Towing to establish their business in the B-2 Business District located on Downey Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

**New Business:** (1). Brief discussion re: the Clean Community Ordinance #22. This was tabled until the next meeting.

**Old Business:** (1). Discussion re: the hiring of a Township Planner. The Planning Commission has already met with Chris Khorey who is from McKenna & Associates and was very pleased with his representation. Monica Standel said she has spoke with a professor from Eastern Michigan University who teaches students that are going to be Planners and stated she could assign us a planner from her class. The Planning Commission questioned as to hiring a student and didn't feel it would be an adequate choice. Zoning Administrator, Debra Hlubic highly recommended the hiring of Chris Khorey and would like the Planning Commission to take this recommendation to the Board for their approval. Further discussion. Motion Linda Kniseley, support Judy Palmieri to bring back the recommendation to the Mussey Township Board for approval of hiring Chris Khorey from McKenna & Associates as the Township Planner. All ayes. Motion carried. Judy Palmieri will attend the meeting on May 13, 2015 to present this to the board in the absence of Bill Schultz, Planning Commission Chairman. (2). The Planning Commission received the Legal and Editorial Research for the Codification of our Ordinances. This report has been created in conjunction with the preparation of a preliminary manuscript of the code of ordinances for the Township and is intended to assist in the review of the preliminary manuscript of our code. It describes editorial decisions made in creating the manuscript and provides a list of questions which need to be addressed by the Planning Commission/Township. Consensus of the Planning Commission is to hold a study work session, to be held on May 26, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m., right before the regular meeting.

**Township Board Report:** None.

**Planning Commission Chair Report:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion Judy Palmieri, support Monica Standel to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned @ 8:00 p.m..

**Next meeting will be held on May 26, 2015**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Debra L. Hlubic  
Building & Zoning Administrator