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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Greg Latsch, Dennis Masson, Crystal Morgan, David Rumpel, Russ Tiles
ABSENT: Jerry Rabideau, Jack Ketchum
PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill, Township Community Development Director
Ron Bultje, Township Attorney

A. Call to Order

Rumpel called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

B. Approval of Agenda

Rumpel made a motion, support by Masson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

Masson made a motion, support by Morgan, to adopt the November 15, 2017 Planning Commission minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

A time for public comment was provided. No comments were offered.

E. Presentation by Paul Sachs, Ottawa County Planning

This presentation was rescheduled for February.

F. Residential Dwelling Aesthetics – Discussion of Section 322 C 17

Commissioners reviewed changes in Section 322 C 17 for new dwellings that are dwarfed by the attached garage. Hill was directed to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance changes.

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G. R-3 Cottage Residential – Review of setback requirements

Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes in front yard setback requirements in the R-3 Cottage Residential District. Hill was directed to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance changes.

H. 2018 Planning Commission Projects Discussion

Hill stated that the Board of Trustees is focusing on the corner of M104 and 148th Ave. They have hired a traffic engineer to do a feasibility study on the changes proposed for the corner. They are also discussing establishing a Corridor Improvement Authority for the area near the intersection. The Board is planning to schedule public input sessions during the year.

H. Commissioner Comments

1. Township Board: No report
2. ZBA: No report
3. Community Development Director: There has been a question regarding siting of solar farms in the Township. Currently they are not allowed in any zoning districts. Hill recommends investigating changes that would allow solar farms in select zoning districts.

I. Adjournment

Masson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Latsch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rumpel, Chair
Planning Commission