

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Terry Harris at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Terry Harris.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Zuhl, Dave Grabemeyer, Mike Glynn, Jerry Donley, Terry Harris, Tim Feirick

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Magyar, Supervisor Bill Saunders, Recording Secretary Lindsay Krohne, 8 members from the public

ABSENT: Tom Lehrer

Terry Harris stated the reason for the public hearing, being that the Cass County Planning Commission sent back the proposed 3.23 Private Road/Street Ordinance for review and recommendation. He stated that the Cass County Planning Commission recommended eliminating Private Road Easement of 40ø minimum for private roads in Silver Creek Township. The County Planning Commission recommended changing it back to 66ø as required for county roads.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry opened the floor for public comment at 7:04 pm and closed public comment at 7:05 pm as there were no comments.

**COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Discussion was held regarding the recommended changes. Terry Harris voiced his concern with emergency vehicles, and stated that he believes 40ø is insufficient to accommodate them. He added that one of the main goals is public safety. Terry also stated his concern that if 40ø development was allowed on both sides, the future development would increase the number of homes, which could cause the county not to be able to support the road.

Bill Zuhl commented that the county will never take over a 40ø private road, and it will always be a private road.

*The recording system failed to record the Public Hearing on September 7, 2016; therefore, the detailed comments made by Planning Commission members are not available. The comments made at this meeting were mostly a review of the discussion held at the July 27, 2016 Planning Commission meeting, in which the July 27, 2016 minutes can be referred to. (These minutes were amended to include the italicized paragraph above, at the September 28, 2016 Planning Commission meeting).*

**MOTION TO RETAIN 40' MINIMUM FOR PRIVATE ROADS**

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to retain a 40' minimum for private roads. Jerry Donley seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Yes (5): Dave Grabemeyer, Mike Glynn, Jerry Donley, Terry Harris, Tim Feirick

No (1): Bill Zuhl

Absent (1): Tom Lehrer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry Donley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dave Grabemeyer. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Krohne  
Recording Secretary  
To be approved at the September 28, 2016 meeting