

## **Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission**

Proposed Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 5, 2018

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, March 5, 2018, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Aubry  
Charles Bibart  
Greg Feldmeier  
Eric Jasiak  
Len Jaworski  
Dave Reno  
Barry Visel

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh and Administrator Hamilton

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dave Aubry with support from Greg Feldmeier to approve the agenda with the addition of "Chickens" as an Old Business item. **Motion carried 7-0**

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Len Jaworski to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting, with clarification and restatement of the motion dealing with the electrical substation. **Motion carried 7-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Meeting Dates 2018: The Commission adopted a resolution setting Planning Commission Meeting dates for 2018. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month except September's meeting will be held on the second Monday. Meetings will be held at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.
- b. Election of Officers 2018: As no volunteers emerged after prolonged pleading from the current officers, a motion was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Dave Reno to nominate and re-elect the Commission's current officers: Chairman: Barry Visel, Vice Chairman: David Aubry and Secretary: Charles Bibart.  
**Motion carried 7-0.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Private Roads: The Commission discussed the latest proposed draft ordinance language covering the establishment of private roads and driveways. Consensus was reached to simplify the document by eliminating coverage of private drives and shared driveways and to focus the proposed ordinance on the establishment of private roads.
  
- b. Chickens: The Commission discussed the latest proposed draft ordinance language covering Chickens and Ducks as an accessory use in R-1,2 zoning districts. A change in setbacks from 40 to 50 ft for the lakeside of lake lots was recommended as the only refinement.
  
- c. Docks: The Commission discussed the latest proposed draft ordinance language covering boathouses and docks. Clarification was added to better convey that docks could extend beyond 80 ft. in length if it was required to reach a 3 ft. water depth.

The updated proposed ordinance language for all three of the topics will be reviewed at the April meeting with preparation for a public hearing event.

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Greg Feldmeier updated the Commission of Township Board activities including year by year approval of the Barton Lake special assessment for plant control, and a speed study resolution for a section of Portage road.

## **REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Greg Feldmeier updated the Commission on the ZBA's approval of variances requested for a tear-down and rebuild on Barton Lake.

## **MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME**

Chairman Visel updated the Commission on progress with AEP buffering neighbors from the proposed substation. Also, the Commission has received information on master plan activities from Pavilion Township and Schoolcraft.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charles Bibart PV