

## **Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 4, 2013

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Aubry  
Ron Avis  
Charles Bibart  
Len Jaworski  
Dave Reno  
Barry Visel

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ken Hovenkamp

### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Attorney Rolfe  
Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Len Jaworski with support from Ron Avis to approve the agenda as issued.

**Motion carried 6-0**

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Dave Reno to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting, without correction.

**Motion carried 6-0**

**CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

No items were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. EIMO Site Plan Review

Brent McClure and Mike Schwartz presented the EIMO site plan which included the addition of a new warehouse on the southwest corner of the property. As the proposed site plan fulfilled Township requirements, a motion to approve the plan was made by Dave Reno with support from Dave Aubry.

**Motion carried 6-0**

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. Continuing ordinance review - additional issues discussion

The Commission continued ordinance discussion on three issues: home based businesses, siting of accessory buildings, and nonresidential buildings on parcels having no residential buildings.

The Commission reviewed ordinance language concerning “home occupation” and “family business” from neighboring townships, assembled by Attorney Rolfe. Planning Commission members generally favored adjustment of our current “home occupation” ordinance language in order to achieve better alignment with current practices in the Township. Supervisor Ulsh will compile a representative list of how “home occupation” is practiced in the Township for discussion and resolution at our March meeting.

The Commission reviewed ordinance language concerning the “siting of accessory buildings” from neighboring townships, also assembled by Attorney Rolfe. Commission

members generally favored greater flexibility in siting accessory buildings on parcels greater than three acres, provided the accessory building was not sited directly in front of the home. Attorney Rolfe will prepare some proposed ordinance language for review at our March meeting.

The Commission discussed and continued to support the current Township ordinance prohibiting the construction of nonresidential buildings on parcels which do not have a residence.

### **REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

No report was received.

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

No report was received.

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

Attorney Rolfe reminded the Commission that our March meeting ends the Commission's fiscal year so the March agenda will include setting next fiscal year's meeting schedule and Planning Commission officers.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charles Bibart  
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