Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 3, 2014

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry (present beginning at 7:07 pm)

Charles Bibart Len Jaworski Ken Hovenkamp Dave Reno

Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ron Avis

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Ken Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. PC Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Dave Reno with support from Ken Hovenkamp, the Commission established the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2014, as detailed in the proposed resolution, with the only change being the starting time of the meeting. For fiscal year 2014, starting with the March 31, 2014 meeting, the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm, instead of the 2013 starting time of 7:00 pm.

Motion carried 6-0

b. Election of Officers

On a motion from Ken Hovenkamp with support from Len Jaworski, the current Planning Commission Officers:

Chairman: Barry Visel Vice Chairman: Dave Reno Secretary: Charles Bibart

were selected to serve another term for fiscal year 2014.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

a. Split-Zoning

The Commission reviewed and discussed the work to date of the Split-Zoning subcommittee (Aubry, Bibart, Ulsh, and Visel). The subcommittee prepared a list of multi-zoned parcels in Sections 1-6, 15, and 26. The Commission reviewed the impact of the possible consolidation of zones within given parcels to the zoning of greatest land area. After discussion of the impact and mechanisms available to effect any indicated zoning changes, the Commission favored proceeding to identify multi-zoned parcels in the remaining sections in order to establish an appropriate target zone for all multi-zoned parcels.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on activities of the Township Board, including the discussion of complaints by some residents on Barton Lake concerning the negative impact of bird houses constructed in the lake. Ken also noted that the Board will move their meeting start times to 6:00 pm this year.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No issues were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Charle Broat Respectfully Submitted Charles Bibart

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