

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 4, 2011

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Avis
Ken Hovenkamp
Len Jaworski
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Bibart
Dave Reno

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe
Supervisor Ulsh
Several members of the public

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Jaworski with support from Avis to approve the agenda as amended to include discussion of proposed amendments to the Subdivision Development Ordinance

Motion carried 4-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Hovenkamp, supported by Avis to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011, meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 4-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ryan LaPorte presented a sketch plan for proposed parking at Swan Park. The planning commission advised sketch plan looked acceptable, and that a site plan should be submitted for approval.

Tom Willmeng inquired about the proposed zoning change from R-2 to Ag Preservation on his property located at the northwest intersection of U Ave. and Oakland Drive (farm field behind houses). Mr. Willmeng was advised as to the planning background and process behind the recommendation, and that the Township Board would be taking up the recommendation at their April 12th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Proposed amendments of Subdivision Development Ordinance (no plats in AG-1 or AG-2 zones) per March 16 letter from Attorney Rolfe.**

Attorney Rolfe reviewed the process needed to provide for this change, and will take the matter to the Township Board for consideration.

- b. **Rural Preservation Ordinance Continuing Discussion (review of Attorney Rolfe Memo, 3/7/11)**

The planning commission discussed several options for implementing a Rural Preservation zone district in accordance with the Land Use Plan Rural Residential recommendations. Based on planning commission direction, Attorney Rolfe will draft language for further consideration by the Commission.

- c. **Rural Preservation Initial Mapping**

Members agreed to review Rural Preservation mapping options pending final approval of Ag zoning recommendations expected to be acted upon by the Township Board April 12th. Members will be provided updated maps based on the April 12th Board meeting, and will be prepared to discuss their options at the May meeting.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp reported on the salary adjustments for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. He also mentioned the Board is thinking about options for upgrading all Township roads.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

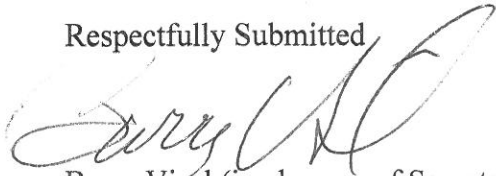
Nothing to report.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

It was mentioned the Planning Commission has a current vacancy, and the any recommendations should be made to the Township Supervisor.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry Visel", written in black ink.

Barry Visel (in absence of Secretary Bibart)