

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2011

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Avis
Charles Bibart
Ken Hovenkamp
Len Jaworski
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Reno

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe
(see site plan reviews below)

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011, meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Site Plan Review: J. Rettenmeier

Werner Magg and Bryan Webster were present to discuss the proposed Site Plan for J. Rettenmeier's expansion of their warehouse space. As the plan was found to meet requirements, a motion was made by Charles Bibart with support from Ken Hovenkamp To approve the Site Plan as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

- b. Site Plan Review: Schoolcraft Township

Tom Olvitt was present to discuss the proposed Site Plan for Schoolcraft Township's parking lot expansion at Swan Park. As the plan was found to meet requirements, a motion was made by Ron Avis with support from Len Jaworski to approve the Site Plan as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continuing Rural Residential Zoning Discussion

The Commission continued discussion on updating Rural Residential ordinance language to assure alignment with our Master Plan. The 4.22.11 memo from Attorney Rolfe was reviewed and discussed. Generally, Commission members supported the updated “Statement of Purpose” provided by Attorney Rolfe. The Commission also supported recommendations made by Attorney Rolfe regarding use of Article V, Section 5.27, as a starting point for consideration of “alternate “ residential development options for Rural Residential parcels, with the deletion of Rural Residential parcels from the PUD option, Article XXI. In addition, the Commission favored new Articles to consolidate “innovative” development options and waterfront preservation/environmental protection. Attorney Rolfe will begin drafting Rural Residential ordinance language for discussion at our June Meeting. In addition, we will initiate discussion of Rural Residential mapping issues at the June meeting.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on activities of the Board including approval of our ordinance and map update for agricultural parcels recommended by the Planning Commission.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER’S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

Attorney Rolfe updated the Commission on possible planning/zoning impacts of adapting to the growth and dispensing of medical marijuana in the Township. He will be seeking guidance from the Township Board on any planning/zoning issues deemed to be important in the current debate.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Charles Bibart

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart

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