

# **Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 2, 2010

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 2, 2010, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ron Avis  
Charles Bibart  
Ken Hovenkamp  
Len Jaworski  
Dave Reno  
Jim Shaw  
Barry Visel

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Guy Golomb

## **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 7-0**

## **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

A motion was made by Ken Hovenkamp and supported by Len Jaworski to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting, without correction.

**Motion carried 7-0**

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

No items were discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Co-Alliance Site Plan Review

The Co-Alliance Site Plan for the addition of a propane storage and dispensing facility at their US 131 site was reviewed. Discussion centered on appropriate classification of the new use, required setbacks and accuracy of the submitted plan (check list and drawing). The Commission requested that Co-Alliance update the checklist and drawing to better reflect facility dimensions and required setbacks (75 feet from US 131), consistent with ordinance requirements.

A motion to approve an updated Site Plan, pending review and approval by our Zoning Administrator, was made by Len Jaworski with support from Ron Avis.

**Motion carried 7-0**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Ag Zoning...continued discussion

Discussion continued on 6/10/2010 revised draft text on Ag zoning provided by Attorney Rolfe. Discussion centered on the balance between maintaining "rural character" and the potential clustering of new residences permitted by the new text, getting appropriate public input, and ascertaining the downstream impact of adoption on the remaining Zoning Ordinance sections.

Attorney Rolfe will assess the impacts of the current draft text on other Zoning Ordinance sections for discussion at our 9/13/10 meeting. In addition, Attorney Rolfe will provide points for consideration (issued previously) pertaining to our Rural Preservation deliberations, also for discussion at our next meeting.

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on deliberations of the Township Board including approval of J. Rettenmaier's IFEC application.

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

No report was received.

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

- a. Attorney Rolfe updated the Commission on potential multi-client needs to address the zoning ordinance impact of new medical marijuana laws, as well as recent court rulings on "catch all" provisions imbedded in some zoning ordinances.
- b. Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission on changes to the law, initiated by Attorney Rolfe, which facilitates the Township's ability to enforce weed control requirements in the Township.
- c. Dave Reno updated the Commission on activities of the SCIC aimed at supporting Trailways development in the Township.

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

  
Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart

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