

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2011

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, January 3, 2011, 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:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 7-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Jim Shaw and supported by Len Jaworski to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010, meeting without correction.

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ag Zoning ..next steps, RR Zoning preliminary concepts

The Commission reviewed the events of the December 6, 2010, meeting involving Township residents and landowners and felt that moving to an official public hearing of the proposed new Ag 1 and Ag 2 zoning ordinance language and map was warranted.

A question regarding the Subdivision Control Ordinance (#24) was discussed. Specifically, can the Subdivision Control Ordinance, in conjunction with Section XX (as now written) be used to allow platting of parcels in the new Ag1 and Ag 2 zones as an alternate route to residential development? The Commission requested that the issue be forwarded to Attorney Rolfe and that he assure that the overall ordinance language not allow such development.

A motion to hold a public hearing at our February meeting on the proposed new Ag 1 and Ag 2 zoning ordinance language and map, with any changes which might result from deliberations on the Subdivision Control Ordinance discussed above, was made by Ken Hovenkamp, with support from Len Jaworski.

Motion carried 7-0

The Commission next reviewed the ten points provided by Attorney Rolfe for consideration of updating the Rural Residential zoning ordinance language to better reflect the intent of our Master Plan. Much of the discussion centered on base and bonus density concepts. As discussion progressed, Commissioners confirmed that, as in the Ag classifications, we want to preserve rural character, open space, and natural resources in Rural Residential zones. Chairman Visel will forward discussion point feedback to Attorney Rolfe for integration into draft language.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Commissioners were directed to the Township Board Minutes included in the packet for updates on Board Activities.

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 8:50 pm.



Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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