

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

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

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Ron Avis
Charles Bibart
Ken Hovenkamp
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 7-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by David Aubry to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting, with one correction: MEMBERS PRESENT, change Remo to Reno.

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed. No citizens were present

NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Rural Residential Map update

Final refinements were discussed including isolated township parcels surrounded by village parcels. The most appropriate zoning classification for Churches (residential vs. public/recreational) was also discussed, with members favoring a residential type classification.

A public hearing will be held at our November meeting to solicit public input on several Ordinance and Map updates, primarily involving Rural Residential zoning.

b. Residential: Review of Master Plan and current zoning adjustment needs

Commission members reviewed the Township Zoning Map and Master Plan section by section, focusing primarily on residential classifications and zones. Several adjustments were discussed to achieve better alignment of the Map with the Master Plan.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on activities of the Board including : unusual water usage charges from the Village of Schoolcraft, Township enforcement of RV/boat parking, refinement of special assessment rolls for lake weed abatement programs, and Township Board consideration of funding future road improvements through a special assessment mechanism.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No items were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Charles Bibart

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart

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