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Planning Commission

Members: Jeremy Clanton, Richard Hebard, Ron Jureziz, Sandra Redman, Diane Shields, Kelly Sweeney and Sharon Ward

Minutes for June 4, Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Sandra Redman was absent and all other members were present.

Public Comments: Sue Kronewitter announced that she will be running for Clerk and that her husband will not be running. Susan Flowers announced that she will be running for Treasurer. Robert Benjamin requested that the Planning Commission examine the pavilion in the Township Park as it appears that the roof is in danger of collapsing and make recommendations for handling this potentially dangerous situation.

Agenda: Approved was approved with the addition of discussion of wireless communication towers and Section 14.14 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Five site plans were approved. An enforcement action was undertaken for an illegal farm stand on the south-east corner of Fir and U.S 12. A meeting with Enbridge Co. was held to discuss the movement of their pumping station and their cell tower which will result in future applications for Conditional Uses.

Township Board Member's Report: A special board meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss fire and ambulance coverage issues. The Fireworks Works Ordinance was repealed as a result of a conflict with a new State Law allowing fire works displays. The Board has applied for a \$5,000 grant to assist with the cost of the installation of the emergency siren system.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No activity

Old Business:

1) Master Plan

Jay from Williams and Works went over the changes that had been requested in the Master Plan. Immediately after this presentation Jeremy made a motion to approve a Resolution approving the Master Plan and this motion was seconded by Diane. During the following discussion Ron raised a question about the appropriateness of listing on page 82 one resident as writing a letter concerning the Master Plan since multiple letter were received. Following this discussion Jeremy made a motion to add an addendum to the motion to approve a Resolution for the Master Plan which would delete the mention of one resident on page

82 and change the reference on page 81 to read as well as from multiple citizens. This motion was seconded by Richard. The motion for the addendum passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. The motion to approve the Resolution to approve the Master Plan passed by a 4-2 vote with Ron and Sharon voting against approval.

2) Procedure on submitting items to the Board of Directors

There has been a concern raised about precisely how new or changes in the Zoning Ordinance are presented to the Board after being approved by the Planning Commission. The goal of this discussion was to limit typing errors and omissions. The Zoning Administrator presented prototypes that he felt the Planning Commission could use; however several members objected that the prototypes would be sent under the Clerk's name. Once it was agreed that the Board's Clerk's name was not going to be listed on the document sent to the Clerk, the members of the Planning Commission then requested that a template be prepared for the Secretary to use in sending any future Zoning changes to the Board.

New Business:

1) Wireless internet communication

The Zoning Administrator announced that he has become aware of a resident who has erected a 50-60 foot tower to receive and transmit internet signals and ten residents are now connected to the signals from this tower for both internet and phone service. Our present Cell Tower Ordinance requires that this resident should have gone through a Conditional Use process which the resident did not do. Accordingly he is not in compliance with our Zoning Ordinance and either should obtain a Conditional Use Permit or the tower should be removed. However to terminate the residents use of this tower would not only deny them access to the internet but at this time and would disconnect their phone service. The Zoning Administrator presented a possible solution in which a change in the Cell Tower Ordinance would exempt towers used for the internet from the Cell Tower Ordinance. The members of the Planning Commission were all sympathetic to these residents and wanted to work to help them work to find was to get internet connection; however, it was the general feeling of the members that this tower should be required to request a Conditional Use as presently required in the Zoning Ordinance. In the meantime the Planning Commission will explore other solutions to try to legally get internet service to the residents of the eastern region of our Township.

2) July Planning Commission meeting

The present Planning Commission meeting schedule has the meeting scheduled for July 2. Since July 4 is on a Wednesday apparently July 2 is being considered a part to a holiday weekend. Because of this the Planning Commission voted to change the July meeting date to July 9.

3) Recording of Meetings

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to establish a policy of recording each meeting and all Public Hearings and those recordings shall be retained for a minimum of at least three years. It was decided to incorporate this policy in the Planning Commission bylaws in the future.

Board Member's Comments: None

Announcements: none

Time of adjournment: 9:15 P.M.

Respectively submitted,



Ron Jureziz, Secretary
Approved On: July 9, 2012