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Minutes for Milton Township Planning Commission Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING March 3, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- Karen Shirk, Vice Chairperson began the meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- All were present with the exception of Kara (excused)

Anyone Wishing to Speak to the Planning Commission: (3 min/person)

- No one wished to speak to the Planning Commission

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Kelly made a motion to move #3 of new business ahead of the old business so the visitors could leave after their presentation.
Seconded: Ron
Discussion:
Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
Motion passed

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion: Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02-02-14 meeting as corrected
Seconded: Ron
Discussion:
Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
Motion passed

Community Reports:

1. Zoning Administrator-The ZA also reported he has worked on cell tower issues involving applications for removal of one carrier's antenna from the tower on Conrad Rd, and the co-location of a new carrier on the tower on Worrell using an existing platform. None of the applications involve towers with previous Conditional Use Permits in effect. All the applications fall within the new State and Federal Laws for co-location, which went into effect in 2012.
2. Township Board Representative-Kelly gave his report which included the fact that we are in the process of creating an Employee Manual and that our Parks Plan is now complete
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Representative-Jeremy gave is report which stated that there has been no meetings.

New Business:

1. Adams Road Development II Corporation to present plans and request permission to unload 40,000 cubic yards of fill dirt.
 - John Linn from Abonmarche discussed the plans to move 40,000 cubic yards (approximately 2,000 dump truck loads) on the property that Adams Road Development II Corporation currently owns. See attachment A. They will get the necessary erosion control permits and will run their plans by the Cass County Road Commission. The project will not exceed 5 feet above the road surface. They are also planning to allow runoff at both ends and a large drainpipe in the middle. They will strip the topsoil off and place on the top of the clean fill. Sheryl Ache, Milton Township lives on Batchelor wanted to make sure that they were only going to use clean fill.

Motion: Kelly motioned that this project be allowed to move forward as presented as long as it follow Federal, State, and Cass County Guidelines and that all necessary permits are obtained prior to the start of the project. The project will be starting around April 1, 2014 and lasting for approximately 60 days.

Seconded: Ron
 Discussion: Everyone on the Planning Commission asked questions and discussed the issues.

Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
Motion passed

Old Business:

1. Capstone Presentation by Ron Jureziz for Master Citizen Planner Certification.
 - Right to Farm Act
 - Ron presented his presentation on the Right to Farm Act

New Business:

1. Additional overview presentation by Paul Sniadecki on the Updated Zoning Ordinance draft document developed by the PC subcommittee and the next steps for the integration of the Planning Commission’s review & comments.
2. Feedback & comments from 4 PC members (not on the subcommittee) on Chapter’s 1 & 2 (definitions) of the draft ZO as requested by P. Sniadecki at the 02/03/14 PC meeting. The Planning Commission discussed all the definitions.

Board Member Comments:

Announcements:

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeremy made a motion to adjourn the meeting
 Seconded: Ron
 Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelly Sweeney