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Agenda for Milton Township Planning Commission Meeting

Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

February 4, 2013 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Members

Kara Boyles, Jeremy Clanton, Ron Jureziz, Richard Hebard, Sandra Redman, Diane Shields, Kelly Sweeney

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- All were present with the exception of Kelly Sweeney

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

Tony Leininger spoke to the Planning Commission (PC) regarding the construction of an indoor training/boarding/riding center for horses. Paul Snidecki's research indicates the center would be in compliance per the right to farm act, however the center would be subject to MDOA rules with regard to handling of manure, and the number of horses allowed. There were several questions regarding the size of the building and its location. Mr. Leininger will make a formal presentation next month on the final plan for the boarding and training center.

Approval of Agenda:

- Current agenda was approved

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion:

Seconded:

Discussion:

Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None

Motion passed

Community Reports:

- 1) Zoning Administrator
 - a) Application for change of use on Ironwood
 - i) Currently a church and would like to make it a residence (originally it was a school)
- 2) Township Board Representative – Mr. Benjamin (Supervisor) gave the report in Kelly's absence
 - a) A map was presented showing renovations for the community center regarding the ambulance service.
 - b) The board signed a contract with the Assessor, he is working on a project to realign assessments reflecting an equalization
 - c) Salary compensation commission had their first meeting and their next one is on Saturday
 - d) The Budget process is underway with a report to be presented by the end of March
 - e) Board of Trustees (BOT) is evaluating an upgrade to the telephone system
 - f) A committee was set up to discuss expanding our current building
 - g) It is important to have a Three (3) year plan for Road and Road Repair.

- i) Surges Road has become an issue but Enbridge has agreed to do repairs
 - ii) Enbridge has also agreed to do repairs on Leet and Gumwood Roads.
- h) The BOT will begin meeting twice a month
- 3) Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
 - a) No ZBA meeting was held

Old Business:

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update-Sub-committee members: Richard, Ron and Kelly
 - a) First meeting was held on 1/25/2013
 - b) Began work on Definitions
 - c) Next meeting is scheduled 2/15/2013

- 2) Planning Commission Code of Conduct
 - a) Ron had several issues that he brought up and objects to the entire document. Sandra felt it was subjective and not enforceable and could actually be intimidating to those who serve on the PC. Jeremy object to the use of the word “must” in the document.
 - b) Tabled to the March Meeting

- 3) Milton Township Master Plan Goal/Objective Tracker
 - a) Paul gave a copy of the objective tracker and all task assignments were decided.
 - b) Paul will compile everything into 1 document and make them available to all PC members.

- 4) Planning Commission/ Annual Budget Review with a recommendation to BOT
 - a) There was a discussion and a review of the proposed budget. It was decided that “Legal Notices” should be at \$1,000.00.
 - Motion: Richard made a motion to accept the budget with the addition of \$1000.00 to the “Legal Notices.”
 - Seconded: Sandra
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
 - Motion passed**

- 5) Garage Sale Ordinance Language-Returned by BOT for re-consideration
 - a) Kelly and Paul will bring a revised draft of the “Garage Sale” Ordinance was reviewed
 - b) Tabled to the March Meeting.

- 6) Zoning Ordinance-Potential Text Amendments for PC/Zoning Compliance Permits prior to full update of Zoning Ordinance work effort by sub-committee
 - a) Discussion on amendments regarding language in Article 1, Section 1.12 definitions
 - Motion: Ron made a motion that we schedule a Public Hearing regarding Article 1, Section 1.12, Article 1, Section 1.11B and to add a new Section 16.11 to Article XVI of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - Seconded: Jeremy
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None
 - Motion passed**

- 7) Industrial Zoning District – potential ZO modifications for Compliance with Milton Township Master Plan.

- a) Kara presented the commission with a color layout sheet showing the modifications that were decided at the December PC meeting. The goal is to provide a list of those things the PC wishes to remain according to Article 19.
- b) A public notice will need to take place regarding conditional uses and permitted uses.
- c) Kara will make some adjustments and provide text and graphs.
- d) New article 8 Draft version should be drafted for Public Notice.

Motion: Ron made a motion that we schedule a Public Hearing regarding the Article 1, Section 1.12 is initiated.

Seconded: Jeremy

Discussion:

Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None

Motion passed

New Business:

- 1) Milton Township PC recommendation for a 3 year Road Plan to the BOT
 - a) Ron felt a 3 year plan for repairs is not possible
 - b) Tabled to March Meeting.

- 2) Milton Township PC Member Training
 - a) Paul suggested we schedule a training at a regular meeting
 - b) Richard will work with Paul on training topics that are available
 - c) Follow-up to be at the March Meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Announcements:

Adjournment:

Motion: Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Ron seconded the motion

Vote: All in Favor: 6 Nays: None

Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelly Sweeney (from notes taken by Sandra Redman)