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Planning Commission

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

Minutes for August 1, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

Public Hearings for Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

- 1) Add a definition of Accessory Uses to Article 1.
No public comments were received.
- 2) Change Article 13.15 to allow illuminated signs for churches
No public comments were received.
- 3) Amend Article 14.04 to require only one publication of a Public Notice for Conditional Use Applications
No public comments were received.
- 4) Add a section to regulate Medical Marihuana
Sue Kronewitter asked multiple questions. It was decided that responses to her questions would occur during the formal consideration of the Medical Marihuana Ordinance by the Planning Commission.

The Public Hearings were closed.

Roll Call: Jeremy Clanton called and was stuck in traffic in Chicago and could not return in time for the meeting. Diane Shields was absent. The other five members were present.

Agenda: Accepted as written.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Public Comments: None

Zoning Administrator's Report: Two site plan reviews occurred. Several enforcements issues were undertaken on foreclosed properties.

Township Board Members Report: The Board will review the Master Plan at its next meeting. The Private Road Ordinance was referred back to the Planning Commission for review of two issues. The rebate of the Conditional Use fees for the Archery Range was denied.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

Old Business:

- 1) Master Plan
Revised Chapters 3 and 4 were distributed.
Sharon Ward announced that she was opposed to the Master Plan because of the Future Land Use Map. A heated discussion occurred since none of the other members of the Planning Commission could recall her ever registering her concerns previously. Since she is opposed and she is the Planning Commission's representative to the Board, she was asked how she would defend the Master Plan to the Board and she indicated that she would not defend it. Since under this situation there would be no one to defend the Master Plan at the Board meeting, Kelly indicated that he would look into options on how the Planning Commission could defend the Master Plan at the Board meeting.
- 2) Accessory Use
By a 5-0 roll call vote the Planning Commission approved adding to Section 1.12 the following definition of Accessory Use: A use naturally and normally incidental and subordinate to, and devoted exclusively to the main use of the land or building.
- 3) Section 13.15 D
By a 5-0 roll call vote the Planning Commission approved changing Section 13.15 D to read as follows: One illuminated sign or bulletin board identifying a church, school, park or government use not to exceed 32 square feet.
- 4) Section 14.04
By a 5-0 roll call vote the Planning Commission approved amending Section 14.04 to now read as follows: The Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing, or hearings, upon application for a Conditional Use Permit, notice of which shall be given by one (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, not more than 30 days, nor less than 15 days, before the date of such hearing.
- 5) Private Road Ordinance
The Private Road Ordinance was referred back to the Planning Commission for the correction of two errors. When the numbering system for the Ordinance was change not all of the numbers had been changes from 1 to 23. These were all corrected. Section 23.08 had been titled Variance in spite of the body referring to the right of appeal and not a variance. The title has been changed to read Appeal Process. These changes were approved by the members in attendance and this Ordinance will be returned to the Board for approval.
- 6) Medical Marihuana Ordinance
The questions that Sue Kronewitter raised were addressed and answered. Most of her questions revolved around wanting to know why the Planning Commission had addressed the issues involved the way they did. She also raised concerns about confidentiality. By a 5-0 roll call vote the Planning Commission approved the Medical Marihuana Ordinance with one change to 20.03 m where the separation by 1000 feet was changed to 500 feet. A full copy of the Medical Marihuana Ordinance will be attached to the written copy of the minutes.

New Business: None

Board Member Comments: None

Announcements: None

Time of adjournment: 9:14 P.M.

Respectively submitted,



Ron Jureziz, Secretary

Approved On: September 12, 2011