

Milton Township Planning Commission
Milton Township Hall
32097 Bertrand Street, Niles, MI. 49120

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010

Members Present: Diane Shields (Chair), Richard Hebard, Sharon Ward, Ron Jureziz, Jeremy Clanton, Kelly Sweeney and Jackie Pflug (Secretary) per roll call.

- A. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 1825.
- B. Presentation by Jay Kilpatrick AICP – Community Visioning Workshop**
1. Jay reports the project is on schedule.
 2. Visioning Process – Needs community participation
 3. Workshop – Community Center, May 15, 2010, from 9-12
 - a. Presentation - an overview & brief summary of the community profile.
 - b. Visual preference exercise – Ice breaking with 10 questions & 10 pictures.
 - c. Small groups
 - d. Goal Statements
 - e. Advertise for the workshop – poster at election, ad for the Township newsletter, Leader, paper & website
- C. Approval of the Agenda:** Was approved as with the addition of D. Fence Ordinance under Old Business.
- D. Approval of the minutes:**
1. **Monday, March 1, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Amendments to the March 1, 2010 minutes were *members* absent & Old Business: A. Draft ordinance should be *repeal*. Ron Jureziz made a motion to accept the amended minutes as written. Richard Hebard 2nd the motion. Members who were in favor to accept the minutes as written were Ron Jureziz, Richard Hebard, and Sharon Ward, Jeremy Clanton, Kelly Sweeney, Jackie Pflug and Diane Shields. The motion was carried.
- E. Public Comments – Agenda and Non-agenda items:**
1. **Public present** – no comments
- F. Zoning Administrators Report: Paul Snaidecki**
1. First building permit for the year was issued.
 2. Land division – Brush Rd. issues with wanting to split the land into potentially 3 lots. Issues with private roads and easements. Currently, there are no separate private road ordinance or maintenance agreements. Draft ordinance 3.24 private roads.
 3. Issues with individuals wanting to restore buildings and live in a trailer while the restoration occurs. The ordinance prohibits this.
- G. Report of the Township Board Representative:**
1. Mining Ordinance was adopted.

2. 2-year extension for Krestrel Hills was approved.
3. Budget was approved. Allocated 25,000.
 - a. 966 for secretary special provisions
 - b. 5,000 for legal
 - c. 8,400 for meetings (16) includes zoning administrators salary
 - d. 500 office supplies
 - e. 2,400 already spent
 - f. If additional funds are required especially with the Master Plan, we need to ask.

G. Report of the Zoning Board Representative:

1. Diane Shields has nothing to report.

H. Old Business:

1. Draft Ordinance:

- a. Jackie Pflug continues working edits for the 4th draft. Need to go through the minutes and incorporate changes. Hope to have complete by May. Need 9-10 copies.

2. Master Plan:

- a. Mike Clark introduced the Community Profile Report
 1. A snapshot of available data. Corrections on the date of the last review were in 2004 instead of 1999.
 2. Chapter 2- Old maps need to see the influence of the surrounding communities, goggle images for more current maps. Concerns with map 3 soil types. Need to be more specific. Goose Lake is 16 acres and 11' deep.
 3. Chapter 3- Need to mention the 2010 census data was not available. Population projections are an estimate. Most accurate figure for calculations is 2.39 estimates approximately 5200 by the year 2030.
 4. Chapter 4 - Economics
 5. Chapter 5 – Developmental category for taxation in 2009. This is for individuals with 10 acres. Will impact the future land use. Need to include this aspect with future land use. Need to learn more about this taxation. Milton Township is the only one that implements this tax category. Would like a photo image for map 6.
 6. Chapter 6 – School of choice if availability allows. Would like pictures of the schools. Links to the school websites. Blue ribbon schools in the area. Need more information on our fire protection. List out and provide photos of all the historic sites. Expand the local and main campus of SMC.
 7. Chapter 7 – Need to update roads.
 8. Chapter 8 – Review & summaries. Need to include area pictures.

- 3. Fence Ordinance** – Ron Jureziz made a motion to adopt the fence ordinance Section 13.10 (see attached) & Kelly Sweeney 2nd the motion.

- a. Sharon Ward had concerns regarding visibility.
- b. A roll call vote Sharon Ward – yes, Jeremy Clanton – yes, Ron Jureziz – yes, Kelly Sweeney – yes, Richard Hebard – yes, Jackie Pflug – yes, Diane Shields - yes

I. New Business:

1. Krestrel Hills:

- a. Allowed to continue to develop as approved. 1992 not rural Ag but single family residential. 2nd phase of the 1992 development no true package of developmental standards. Every 2 years they have been allowed to continue but should be checking. We can change the terms if they don't comply. The reason the Board approved was because time was expiring and they did not want time to lapse. They have been allowed extensions since 1994.
- b. Approved plans should be in the clerk's office. Phase 2 was in 2004-2008. Sharon and Paul will work together to research minutes and PC files.

J. Member Comments:

1. Ron Jureziz provided information on GAMP. Issues regarding barbed wire fencing and farm markets. Also refer to the Right to Farm Act.

L. Announcements:

1. May 1 is trash day at the Community Center
2. May 15 is Hazardous Waste day for Cass County
3. May 15 is the Workshop for the Master Plan 9-12.

K. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Jureziz and Richard Hebard 2nd the motion. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackie Pflug (Secretary)