

# Milton Township

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## Planning Commission

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

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### Minutes for July 11, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.

Election of Officers: Kelly Sweeney was elected Chairman; Diane Shields was elected Vice Chairperson; Ron Jureziz was elected secretary.

Roll Call: All seven members were present.

Agenda: The banning of the use of off road vehicles in Rural Residential and Residential Zoning Districts was deleted.

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

Public Comments: None

Zoning Administrator's Report: 4 site plan reviews were approved, 1 parcel combination was approved and one new home site plan was approved.

Township Board Members Report: The Conditional Use for the Archery Range was approved.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No activity.

Old Business:

- 1) Master Plan: The vote to send the Master Plan to the Board was unanimously approved. A request was made that 15 final copies be provided and that some acknowledgment that not all of the 2010 census data was available at the time the Master Plan was completed
- 2) Zoning Audit Discussion; Deferred till next meeting.
- 3) Medical Marihuana Ordinance: By a 7-0 vote approval to send the Medical Marihuana Ordinance to a Public Hearing on August with the modification that under Section 20.04 the title should read Permit for the Growth and Cultivation of Medical Marihuana for Licensed Caregivers.
- 4) Home Occupation /Home Business: Ron and Paul Sniadecki, the Zoning Administrator, submitted sample ordinances and after some discussion it was decided that Ron and Paul should work together to attempt to resolve some of the member's concerns and present a revised sample ordinance next month.

**New Business:**


- 1) **Zoning for illuminated Signs in Ag Production:** By a 7-0 roll call vote the members approved the following change be sent to a Public Hearing. The change in Ordinance 11.15 D should read one illuminated sign or bulletin board identifying a church, school, park or other government use not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
- 2) **Report on the Cass County Master Plan training session:** The session was geared towards developing a County Master Plan.
- 3) **Change in the PEA Relative to Mining:** Paul reported that the legislature had approved a law that overturned a recent Supreme Court decision that had been very favorable to townships.
- 4) **Michiana Recycling and Disposal:** Paul indicated that they were approved under a zoning ordinance that no longer exists. Therefore they would have to be grandfathered and be considered legal.
- 5) **Changing the Conditional Use Language to require only one notice to be published instead of the current 2 notices:** By a 7-0 roll call vote the members approved changing Ordinance 14.04 to require the publication of only one notice. This ordinance change will now go to a Public Hearing.
- 6) **Fees for Public Hearings:** It was agreed to make no changes.
- 7) **Defining Accessory Use in the Zoning Ordinance:** By a 6-1 roll call vote, with Richard Hebard voting no, the members voted to propose the following be presented at a Public Hearing: A use naturally and normally incidental and subordinate to, and devoted exclusively to, the main use of the land or building.
- 8) **Exempting a single accessory building of not more than 5 feet tall and 100 sq. ft. from the Site Plan Review and Building Permit Requirements.:** Paul was requested to rewrite this request incorporating some set back requirements

Board Member Comments: none

Announcements: The County Planning Commission has approved our Private Road Ordinance and it will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Time of adjournment: 8:56 P.M.

Respectively submitted,



Ron Jureziz, Secretary

Approved On: August 1, 2011