Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2012

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Avis Charles Bibart Len Jaworski Dave Reno Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Aubry Ken Hovenkamp

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe Supervisor Ulsh Pat Crowley

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Dave Reno with support from Ron Avis to approve the agenda as issued.

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2012 Special Meeting, noting that Len Jaworski motioned to approve the agenda and Dave Reno motioned to approve the H&H Site Plan.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. County Drain Commission Review

Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner Pat Crowley presented her office's newly developed Site Development Rules. Pat covered the basic issues revolving around land development and proper drainage. She encouraged more involvement of townships to assure proper drainage considerations by adopting the Site Development Rules.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Industrial zone and map discussion

The Commission reviewed and discussed draft ordinance text proposed by Attorney Rolfe in his 4/27/2012 memo concerning LI (Local Industrial District), US 131 Corridor Business District, and proposed adjustments to Article XX.

Discussion centered around the wording of parts of Statements of Purpose for both Articles XVI and XVII. The Commission favored a bit more general wording regarding the role of available utilities.

The Commission also discussed permitted and special land uses in the US 131 Corridor Business District and proposed adjustments to help assure compatibility of adjacent uses. Attorney Rolfe will revise the draft text for review at our June meeting. 131 Access and Article XX proposed text will also be reviewed at our next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

No report was received.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No issues were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart
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