

**Whitewater Township Planning Commission  
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 20, 2013**

**Call to Order**

Planning Commission Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Dean, Mangus, Lyons, Link, Bowerman, Lawson

Absent: Miller

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Ron Popp

Audience present: None

**Set/Adjust Agenda**

No adjustments were made.

**Approval of Minutes of 02/06/2013 Regular Meeting**

All members have a copy. **Motion by Lawson, seconded by Bowerman, to approve the minutes of the 02/06/2013 meeting. On voice vote, motion carried.**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Public Hearing**

None

**Reports:****Correspondence**

ZA Popp commented on a couple of the Correspondence items.

**Zoning Administrator Report**

Popp provided a copy of his January report for the PC.

**TC-TALUS Representative's Report**

None

**Township Board Representative's Report**

None

**Chair's Report**

None

**Old Business:****Review PC By-Laws**

Initial discussion centered on Section E and whether members of the PC should be assigned to represent various categories of interest within the township. Consensus was reached to leave this section as is and not make changes.

Section 4, Annual Report, was discussed. The by-laws do not say who is responsible for generating the annual report. Content of report was discussed. Popp proposed that the Township Board Representative be responsible for this report. Lawson agrees to “give it a shot” and commented that the PC may make changes before it goes to the Township Board.

Section 8, Education, was discussed. Popp would like to see PC members be reimbursed for wages lost as a result of attending educational sessions. However, consensus was reached at the last PC meeting that members did not want compensation for educational costs. Discussion followed. Consensus was reached that no changes will be made at this time to this section of the by-laws; the PC will await possible township board action.

Section 9, Agenda Reform, was discussed. The “TC-TALUS Representative’s Report” will be eliminated from the agenda. “Commission Discussion/Comments” was previously added.

**Oath of Office**

(Commissioner Mangus leaves the commission table to take an urgent phone call.)

It has been proposed that the Planning Commission members should take the elected official oath. Discussion followed. Chairperson Dean inquired if anyone was opposed to taking the oath. No opposition voiced.

(Commissioner Mangus returns to the commission table, with apologies.)

Link suggested that it might be more effective to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Brief discussion followed regarding adding the Pledge of Allegiance to the PC agenda. Consensus was reached that verbiage concerning taking the oath and reciting the pledge will be added to the PC by-laws.

**Motion by Lyons, seconded by Mangus, to send the by-law changes to the Township Board. On voice vote, motion carried.**

**Future Land Use – Full Review – Maps**

Commission members were provided with a quantity of maps. Discussion followed on the topics of color coding the maps, map format, utilization of striping or other means to show map changes, eliminating layers. Consensus reached that the starting map will have roads, streams, no parcels. Popp will attempt to have a transparency made. Link volunteered to help Popp with the maps. Lawson will provide some maps as well.

General discussion followed regarding low/medium/high density placement, definitions, growth of R2, blurring of lines and/or definitions. Time was spent discussing the Multi-Family

Residential paragraph under Part 5 of the proposed Master Plan, as well as road standards. Dean suggested the last 4 paragraphs of Part 5 be taken as homework.

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Commission Discussion/Comments:**

Agenda for next meeting discussed. Transportation and bike paths to come back in March. Old Business in March will be future land use. Bike paths and transportation will be New Business. General discussion followed on the topic of keeping optional material out of the PC packet.

**Continuing Education**

None

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Lyons, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Walton  
Acting Recording Secretary