

**DRAFT**  
**Whitewater Township Planning Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on May 20, 2009**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Zakrajsek called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Boyd, Courtade, Lyons, Mangus, Miller, and Zakrajsek. Also Attending: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers, Planning Inter Akers and 13 members of the public.

Members Absent: Savage

**Set/Adjust Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**Public Comment**

The meeting was an open house format, with residents and property owners meeting one on one with Planning Commissioners and discussing ideas for Whitewater Township's future.

The following are comments made to individual Planning Commissioners:

- Allow for guest houses without the need for land divisions
- Allow for a zoning classification that permits banks and other non-retail uses in the commercial and village districts
- Eliminate the 5 acre zoning district
- Larger signs are needed for our businesses
- Emergency Services Building is needed
- Accessory structures should be allowed on contiguous parcels
- GTRC needs to give better service to the Township
- The Village area needs to be cleaned up and left alone
- Concern about junk throughout the Township
- Keep property taxes low
- Accessory Structure Ordinance needs to be changed.
- TC-TALUS is a poor deal
- The PC and ZBA have taken a positive direction
- Not in favor of the Fire Station- too much dollars, not well planned
- 5 acre rule is discrimination and an economic hardship
- Water and Sewer is needed for Village and Downtown area
- Less restrictions
- Non-conforming lots should be called a permitted use
- Property owner bill of rights

- Shall – may wording should carefully addressed
- Bigger signs – 32 sq. ft. is too small
- Watson Road is deteriorating
- Zoning and Design Controls are a takings of land
- Make Master Plan similar to 1997
- Fire Department is just for the Indians
- Need an open house for the fire station
- See the community about the same as now, little or no growth – Let it develop naturally
- Can private businesses compete with the Indian shops that do not pay taxes?
- Concerns about septic pumping and hauling fees
- Support accessory structures without primary structures
- Address Township Office location in Master Plan
- Encourage Growth
- Downtown is a joke
- 1 or 5 acres? Good for one is good for all
- Reduce need for special use permits
- Should have a vote of the people before any property rights are taken away

Written Comments Attached to Minutes.

Meeting adjourned – 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Meyers  
Acting Recording Secretary