

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING, August 7, 2013

Call to Order by Chairman Dean: 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Bowerman, Dean, Link, Lyons, Mangus, Miller

Absent: Lawson

Set/Adjust Agenda: Set

Approval of Minutes: Approval of July 10, Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Miller seconded by Bowerman. All in favor. Motion carries.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing: None

Reports:

Correspondence: As forwarded.

Zoning Administrator, Popp: July 2013 Report, temp tenants are becoming an issue on the waterfronts.

Township Board Representative, Lawson: N/A

Chair: None

Old Business:

1. Begin review of complete Draft Master Plan at Part 2: Read through by Mangus. Goals: (1) Add "township residents and property owners". Add a bullet point referencing Private Property Rights as defined by the United States and the Michigan Constitutions. (2) Add "... and encourage other outdoor recreational opportunities." (3) remove "that enhance . . ."; plus minor verbiage changes; "preservation of historically significant features within the Township"; (4) minor verbiage changes. **Consensus with changes.**

Lynn DeLong: According to state statute, Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act: Zoning is based on the Master Plan; health, safety and welfare of the community; conserve natural resources.

Dean: Are we counter to any of these? Mangus: These are addressed throughout the document.

2. Generate Master Plan Appendix. Supporting Materials. Current Draft Appendix is the Official Summary from the Survey. Reference the Survey and availability on website and at the Township Hall. Preference indicated to using the Supporting Materials format.
3. Review changes made to Acknowledgement and Table of Contents. Maps to be included in each appropriate section. Mickey to work with Ron on the Excel graphs, label and include source information. **Consensus to add a separate "Table of Graphs and Illustrations" at the end of the Table of Contents. Consensus as changed.** Discussion: Different picture or no picture in the History section
4. Future Land Use Map. Accept "Existing Use Map" as "Future Use Map" still having issues with map generation/software (tabled – no maps??) No GIS coordination with the County. Mangus recommends contacting Ron Akers, previous intern with the Township. Link: Should use definitions of the legend on the Future Land Use Map.

New Business:

1. Discussion – Who is responsible for Master Plan Public Hearings? What does the Board want the Planning Commission to do, present the Draft to the Board for them to do a Public Hearing or for the Planning Commission to do a Public Hearing? The Township Board did a Resolution to make the Township Board responsible. Possible Joint Meeting. Popp to put it on the Board Agenda at the next meeting. Popp encouraging the Planning Commissioners to attend the Board Meeting. Board Rep, Lawson, to present the Draft to the Board for their preliminary read through. Contact MTA for information.

2. Next Meeting: September 4, 2013  
Changes to Part 2 (old business)  
Bring forth red line review of 3, 4, 6 & 7-grammatical issues only (old business)  
Begin review at Part 5 (new business)  
Appendix (new business)

Public Comment:

Lynn DeLong: 722 Island View Drive: In relation to the last discussion, appeal to the Board via Popp. The Planning Commission has been involved with the Master Plan for the past six to seven years. Community input is essential. Verification, implementation and explanation to the public.

Continuing Education: None

Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary

TABLED ITEMS / FUTURE TOPICS LIST:

Non-conformities; Permitted and Special Uses; Essential Services; Fences, Village District;  
TC-TALUS; Road Map with setbacks and boundaries; Short Term Rentals; Signs