

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 7, 2015

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary, MacLean

Set/Adjust Agenda: Set

Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Miller, second by Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried. No minutes for December 2014. Meeting was cancelled.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None.

Public Comment None

Public Hearing None

Reports:

*Correspondence:* None

*Zoning Administrator Report:* NA. There is some talk that the HSBtB is no in plans for our township. ZBA is still in the plan for February, it may be a moot point.

*Township Board Representative, Lawson:* The Board would like to have the MP Draft by January 27. The Board would like to know the format plan. It will be available in a Word document, pdf, etc. If it is going to take long can the Plan be brought back in house to complete? Dean indicates that right now it is a matter of getting some better versions of the maps that are still not clear.

*Chair, Dean:* Apologies for the delay. The Master Plan Draft looks good the way it has come out.

Old Business:

1. Master Plan Draft Review: Need to get the jpgs of the maps for clarity. Discussion. Pictures should have labels. Strike the three additional pictures of the train wreck. The Board recommendations and the PC's agreed upon changes are not all in. The Draft will be worked on and shared on-line, and if everyone agrees, it will then be sent to the Board for their meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

1. Review By-Laws: Motion to accept the Planning Commission By-laws as written by Lyons, second by Mangus. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, currently Dean is Chair, Mangus is Vice Chair and Lyons is Secretary. Bowerman nominates Brad Link as Chair; Link accepts the nomination. Mangus indicates that she is willing to take on the task of Chair. Miller nominates Dean. Dean indicates he feels he would do well as a general commission member. The items that will need to be addressed are going to need more time and effort and a division of sections to be addressed will be divided among members. Dean is taking his name out of the hat.

Nomination for Link to be the next Chair, roll call vote: Dean-yes, Bowerman-yes, Lawson-yes, Link-yes,

Lyons-yes, Mangus-no, Miller-yes. Approval of Link as Chair.

Link nominates Dean as Vice Chair, Dean accepts. Roll call vote: Bowerman-yes, Lawson-yes, Lyons-yes, Mangus-yes, Miller-yes, Dean-yes. Approval of Dean as Vice Chair.

Nomination by Miller for Lyons as Secretary. Lyons would prefer not to.

Lawson nominates Mangus as Secretary, Mangus accepts. Roll call vote: Lawson-yes, Link-yes, Lyons-yes, Mangus-yes, Miller-yes, Dean-yes, Bowerman-yes. Approval of Mangus as Secretary.

Popp has mentioned getting a Planner(consultant) and a Zoning Administrator, two separate positions. A lot hinges on the next Zoning Administrator.

3. Next Regular Meeting: February 4, 2015:

Resolution for regular meetings.

If necessary there will be a special meeting to deal with the Draft Master Plan.

Road Ordinance needs to be addressed. Read and get familiar with it before the meeting.

Divide the ordinance with everyone doing sections. Find another ordinance that can be used as a "pattern". Each section change needs to have a Public Hearing, more than one can be done at a public hearing. Needs a fresh start. Look at all three versions of the Ordinance. Rearrange with no changes and vote to approve it that way it can be gone through piece by piece to make changes.

Natural Gas storage facility is something that needs to be addressed relatively soon. We have no guidelines for such a thing in our Ordinance / in our township.

Commission Discussion/Comments: Natural Gas storage facility discussion

Adjournment: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lois MacLean,  
Recording Secretary