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WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Call to Order by Chairman, Miller at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Boyd, Link, Lyons, Mangus, Bowerman and Miller, Recording Secretary-MacLean.
Absent: Dean and Zoning Administrator, Meyers

Set/Adjust Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 09/05/2012. Motion to approve by Lyons, seconded by Boyd; all in favor. Motion Carried.

Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: None

Reports:

Introduce Doug Bowerman, newest member of the PC.
Correspondence: Acme Intent to Plan-Master Plan update,
ZA Report: September/October Report.
TCTALUS: Future projects
Township Board Representative: This is Boyd's last Meeting, Halloween Party was very successful.
Chair: Thank you to Board Rep. Boyd

OLD Business:

1. Master Plan Discussion

- a) Overview: Start at Part 7, Natural Areas. Any new thoughts on any changes? Mangus: See the plan focus on the open areas, Battle Creek, the State land, etc. Focus more on the first paragraph. Define the areas more specifically. Identify future improvements, parameter markings and designated parking and marked paths creating more easily useable nature areas. Boyd: The Parks and Rec Advisory Committee recommended survey of the property which turns out to be more expensive than initially planned. Established trails have spread onto private property, up to 200 feet off the proper trail. Kettlewell has offered to "give" property to the township to help with this issue. The straightening out of the trail has been put on hold via the Township Board. Entire area needs to be looked at. Those monies would better be used in other areas. Miller: List of the assets. Mangus: Focus on useability. Mangus to come up with a paragraph to cover these. Link: Strike the second paragraph completely. Lyons: There are a lot of cross overs between Park Land and the Natural Resources. Mangus: Reference between community assets, natural areas and Park lands.
Part 6, Transportation Plan. We are basically just going along with MDOT. Acknowledge not necessarily endorse. Link: Would still like to have the Asset management meeting. Miller: That is pretty much dead in the water due to lack of state funding. Road definitions: A little more tweaking is needed. Specific designations of roads that are used heavily by tourists, non-local visitors. Park Road and Baggs Road are both in that designation. Boyd: Add wording regarding the poor condition of these roads. Link: It is a regional road. The road commission is not spending money on road repairs. Mangus: Economic impact, possibly get grants for these. Link: This is a tool to help with that, the township is not going to put money out for it. Boyd: Possibly working with the Tribe on a couple "important" roads. There has been Board discussion regarding that. Link: They can turn Baggs back to gravel. That is a Kalkaska County road, we have no say and they have no money. We could approach them for matching funds but they do

not have it either. Seasonal Roads have been specifically named so we can do the same with the Tourist Roads.

Each commissioner to come up with the wording for the various sections.

*Clarification
not a recommendation
just a discussion*

Boyd: The PC Board is, at this point, a very much on hold group. The next board may have a completely different direction to go. May go back to the old Master Plan. At this point we just don't know what they will be doing.

b) TC-TALUS Tabled

Public Comment: Ron Popp, Supervisor elect, 6237 Elk View: You have not been spinning your wheels. I look forward to continued working in the future. Thank you all. You are not spinning your wheels. We have to work on this together. You are going to be a valuable part of where we will go.

Continuing Education: None

Adjourned at 7:45

Tabled Items: Non-conformities; Permitted and Special Uses; Essential Services; Fences, Village District.
