

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012

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

**Roll Call:** Lawson, Link, Mangus, Bowerman, Dean, Supervisor Popp and Recording Secretary-MacLean

**Absent:** Miller and Lyons

**Set/Adjust Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/7/2012. Motion to approve with clarification by Mangus, seconded by Bowerman; all in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Public Comment:** Ron Popp, temporary ZA, not here as Supervisor, full support is going toward Pat to generate documents and leg work. Will to do the leg work that would have been done by previous ZA. Mangus: Are you going to be able to interact with us as we move on? Yes. Recovery of the ZA computer is in the works. Join the commission now.

**Public Hearing:** None

**Reports:**

Welcome Supervisor Popp, acting Zoning Administrator

Welcome new Board Representative, Lloyd Lawson

Correspondence:

ZA Report: 4 zoning requests for zoning intervention

TCTALUS: No report

Township Board Representative: Introduction, looking forward to helping

Chair: No report

**OLD Business:**

**1. Master Plan Discussion**

- a) Part 7, Natural Areas/Natural Resources/Park Land: Mangus came up with some verbiage. Taking the perspective of the exact things we wanted. Bowerman, Lawson and Dean comment that they like it. Mangus: Can include specific assets, optional. Popp: How specific do you want the plan to be? Like a general overview? Lawson: DNR grants are available. Mangus: This would be in direct correlation with the Parks and Rec. Plan. Popp: The way I understand the Master Rec. Plan will have more detail. Mangus: The Master Plan supports the Rec. Plan. Discussion on verbiage changes. CONCENSUS with changes.

Dean: Draft from last month included some action items. Five points at the end of Part 7. Are these topics to be included? Mangus: I think these are issues to be addressed in the zoning. Link: General information in the Master Plan and specific in the zoning. Mangus: Some of these items will be addressed in the Future Land Use Map. Flood Plains map should be in the reference map section. Link: The Flood Plains maps are not available yet. Popp: Agree that these points could be in other parts. Dean: Just address as zoning impacts. Mangus: We all know that there are some things that need to be addressed in zoning. Dean: There will be dozens of issues that will need to be addressed in zoning.

- b) Part 6, Transportation: Tourist Road label Baggs Rd. and Park Rd. add Broomhead as it leads to The Sand Lakes Quiet Area. Popp: DNR approved Recreation Master Plan to get DNR Grants? Lawson: Other townships have been able to get some grants. Dean: Can we get a report back from Lawson to know if we are to be in line to do that? A Rec. Plan can be found at other local government entities and we can give a heads up on what should be in it. Popp: Add Broomhead leading to Sand Lake Quiet Area, the state forest and Boardman River. Dean: Remove the "poor care". Link: Structure sentence to read positively. Need to maintain these roads for a positive impact. Mangus: Sentence changes. Popp: Imply that these roads need improvement. Link: "enhancements". Dean: Turn the third sentence into positive.

Discussion:

Will have access to the various Master Plan drafts when ZA computer is back up.

Popp: We would like to be a month ahead on what we are working on. Can we get a full month ahead on what needs to be addressed

Mangus: We are more productive when we know what we are going to cover at the next meeting.

Popp: Come up with the things that need to be covered.

Mangus: Finish a section or come back. Would like to polish our transportation to get it complete. Pedestrian as part of the Transportation section to be addressed along with the remainder of Part 6. Then we will have parts 6 and 7 complete.

Dean: We will need to go back to the Future Land Use Map, Part 5.

Mangus: Going through the various sections complete or not. The census information needs to be completed and refined.

Dean: Suggest to Miller to do the clean up on Part 6 and 7.

Popp: Assign it.

Mangus: Propose finalizing Parts 6 and 7.

Dean: Any other ideas for agenda items for next month?

Popp: Topics parts 6 and 7 with the latest draft. (Dean to send the Draft to Popp)

Dean: Parts 3, 4 and 5 need to be completed.

Lawson: Recommend getting data back ups set up.

Mangus: Remind everyone, pedestrian bike path has not been addressed at all.

Dean: The rest should be a review of what we have covered well.

Mangus: Read through text and approve or make changes. Make reference to the future road maps of the county, mention without endorsing.

Lawson: Need to be specific on the agreement or not.

Mangus: We do not want it to be "accepted by default".

Popp: Any interest to set up the tour with MDOT regarding Access Management, drive-ways?

Link: It is a funding issue.

Popp: Ask the board rep. to go back to the township board to pursue this, get some teeth into it.

Link: May be able to get input from the local TSC.

Mangus: Believe we have what we need for the Master Plan. Bring them up in the spring when we may be more likely to be working on the actual zoning.

Discussion on Access Management, shared egress.

Dean: e-mails to be shared, next month agenda,

Link: Last year we added special meetings. Do we want to do that again this year?

January agenda includes establishment of chair, vice-chair and secretary along with a meeting schedule with by-law review, terms and budget. By-laws are on the ZA computer.

Popp: Anything on the tabled items list that we want to put a date to?

Mangus: We are working to get the Master Plan done so these can be addressed as ordinances.

**Public Comment:** None

**Continuing Education:** None

**Adjourned at 8:15**

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

Respectfully Submitted by Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary