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Whitewater Township Planning Commission
Minutes of 6/2/10 Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Chairperson, Zakrajsek, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Savage, Miller, Mangus, Lyons, Boyd and Zakrajsek
Courtade late arrival (excused)

Also Attending: Zoning Administrator Meyers, ZA Intern Akers, Recording Secretary MacLean and 4 members of the public.

Set/Adjust Agenda

No changes.

Approval of 5/5/10 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Savage to accept minutes, seconded by Boyd.

Motion carried 6-0

Conflict of Interest: None declared

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing – None

Reports:

Correspondence: “Rural Counties Gain Jobs in March”

Zoning Administrator: 5 land use permits in May, ZBA meeting, approved the building change on a non-comforming structure. The electronic newsletter is receiving positive feedback. Ron Akers is working with everyone in the township. Spoke with County ZA’s regarding the ineffectiveness of the junk ordinance. Met with the new attorney and gave him a tour of the community. Worked on a FEMA Grant for Emergency Service Training one Road Committee meeting, one disaster plan committee meeting, 2 Emergency Services meetings. Completed year end report(attached). Met with the attorney to discuss the sign ordinance. He made some recommendations that would keep it moving forward without requiring another public hearing

Road Committee: Requested to hold off on meetings until September.

Disaster Plan Committee: Requested to hold off on meetings until September

ZBA: Miller: Approved a change to a nice old building. Next meeting, June 16, 2010.

TC TALUS: TC TALUS meeting, see note attached. Next meeting is June 9, 2010.

Township Board Representative, Boyd: None

Chair, Zakrajsek: None

Old Business:

Master Plan

- a. **Review Introduction and Background Information**, the lawyer, Fahey, recommends, with maps, approximately 40 pages for the Master Plan.

Discussion:

1. Background data, including maps with minimal verbiage, used for creating the rest of the document regarding population, housing, economic base, facilities, services, transportation, traffic and natural resources. Plus what has been done regarding public input, including the survey, specific survey section meetings, public participation. Question: Include the whole survey and report as an appendix or reference the report in the plan?
2. Will be able to incorporate the 2010 Census data regarding population growth, population age and seasonal population
3. Keep the public involved during the whole process, make sections of the Master Plan “pre-draft” available to public for input.
4. Ideas on getting public comment / public discussion could be via the monthly e-newsletter (posted to the township website and being sent to approximately 320 e-mail addresses); post tentative meeting dates on when sections will be discussed; include information in the “tax bill newsletter”; include in the Planning Commission agendas a public comment time on specific sections – concluding one section and start up on another section.
5. The old feeling in the township was that new growth and secondary homes was not wanted / encouraged. We have an opportunity to make growth possible by setting forth development and business growth friendly plans and rules.

- b. **Review Existing Land Use Map**

Discussion:

1. Blow up the Old 72 / “upper ‘burg” section of the map
2. Ron is going to make a Soils map
3. Can use the computer and projector during meeting discussions
4. Combine some of the categories so there are fewer map colors – color and number code with key
5. Make a type of ownership map, possible over-lay map, showing public, private and tribal

Chapel in the Pines will be on the agenda for the July 7, 2010, meeting.

Public Comment: Mike Jacobson, Skegemog Point Rd., feels the reason there is not a lot of public attendance at meetings is that the people feel this group is working well and working well together and the public, in general, is not feeling that their rights are in danger. Also thinks it is a good idea to let the people/community view and comment on the Master Plan “pre-drafts” of the different sections of the Master Plan.

Continuing Education – Ron Akers

Report on “The New Economy 101”, part two of the three part class that the PC requested Ron take and then report back on.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Savage, seconded by Boyd. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary