

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING, April 2, 2014

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Bowerman

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator, Habedank; Recording Secretary, MacLean

Set/Adjust Agenda: Add Executive Summary to New Business #1, Web tag #2

Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Lyons, second by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment: Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd., Question, did you quit doing e-mails from the PC? Has not received agendas since December. Would like to start receiving them again.

Public Hearing: None

Reports:

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report, Habedank: None

Township Board Representative, Lawson: Getting the Preliminary MP Draft to the Board won't be until May so we (the Board) will not get it until June. Possibly change the PC meeting date. PC is welcome to put stuff on the website. Budget went well. Duty Crew for the Fire Department. Ready to move forward with the MP Draft.

Chair, Dean: Move the regular PC meeting for May from the 7th to the 14th – get it approved. CONSENSUS. (subsequently changed back to the 7th and add special meeting 14th) Work to get information ready for the April Newsletter. ZA: Response on the Notice to Plan from Kalkaska. Mangus: Address how we are going to handle the Acme Twp. Plan. Forward comments to Mickey and he will forward them on.

Old Business:

1. Time Table, lined up to get input back from the Board in May, pick it up at the May 14 meeting. Is there a chance to get a completed draft to the Board, not just the text version, then there may be opportunity to move it forward ?
2. Use the regular May 7, meeting to get the final Draft layout. Keep the regular meeting on May 7, then schedule a special meeting if necessary. Pencil in the special meeting on the 14th.
3. Appendix, charts and photos to be incorporated into the layout.

New Business:

1. Executive Summary, Link: Brief summary in the newsletter, full page executive summary for the mailing announcement of the Public Hearing, hopefully in August. Discussion on content of the Summary. Specific language for the letter mailing will be after input from the Board. Brief summary on the website.
2. Web Tag, Mangus: Language discussion. A link button on the home page of the website that will go direct to the Draft. Can we get a counter? Blind comment box? E-mail link? Mangus to work with the Clerk.
3. Private Roads Discussion, Habedank: There needs to be discussion regarding our Private Road Ordinance which is a police ordinance. We do need a standard but it needs to be addressed soon. Miller: Was on the Road Subcommittee, it does need to be addressed. Create a Road Plan Zoning Ordinance and ask the board to repeal the Police Powers Ordinance. Addressing the existing private roads is the where the “road block” came previously. It is complicated. Need to add to the agenda. Formal letter to the board regarding private roads. Reform a Road Sub-Committee?

4. Next Meeting: May 7, 2014, get the 14th on the calendar
Old Business: layout review, review summary letter
New Business:

Public Comment – Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd., When the older private roads went in there were smaller fire trucks. Now the fire trucks cannot get down the roads. Is that the peoples' fault or the fire departments? Something does need to get done. Gotta think outside the box. Can the fire department get smaller trucks to get down the smaller roads?

Commission Discussion/Comments: Mangus would like to get a fresh copy of the current zoning ordinance. Create a structure on how it is going to be addressed. Are there any hot topics? Input from Popp and the ZA. Look at the process and streamline efficiency.

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary