

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING, June 4, 2014

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Link

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

Set/Adjust Agenda: Set

Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Lyons, second by Bowerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None. Mangus notes that she owns property on a private road.

Public Comment: Vaughn Harshfield, 4404 N. Broomhead Rd. Gave an article to Ron Popp for the Planning Commission meeting of September 4, 2013. Resubmitting as an attachment to the September minutes or as an attachment to these minutes regarding the September 4, 2013, meeting.

Public Hearing: None

Reports:

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report, Habedank: Lots of activity.

Township Board Representative, Lawson: Town hall style meeting at Mill Creek on the 12th at 6 p.m. regarding Fire Department and Ambulance Service options. The Board would like to make the June 24, 7 p.m. meeting a joint meeting with the PC. It would be a special meeting for the PC. We do not have Ron's or Della's input. We did receive Cheryl's mark-up. Mickey is certain he will have the draft ready. Kim attempted to get photo request out via e-mail but was told it would not work. We can all try to come up some pictures. Forward to Mickey.

Chair, Dean: Sounds like the board is ready to move forward. Kim: From the board meeting it sounds like the bulk of the issues are pretty simple, grammatical mostly. We need to work on getting a consensus with the Board.

Old Business:

1. Master Plan Time Table: Sounds like the Board wants to get it through quickly. If we can get through the document with a completed list of corrections we can move it through as planned. At this point it is still looking good for late August / early September. Popp and Dean can collaborate on how to handle "hang-ups" at the meeting. Still shooting for mid July to have the Draft ready for the public.
2. Master Plan: Appendix Charts & Photos: Photos to be given to Mickey.
3. Executive Summary: From Brad: As planned to put out on the website. Mickey will forward and it can be discussed in July.
4. Web Tag: The IT administrator will help when we are ready. It will be quick once we have a go.
5. Master Plan Publishing Layout: Update will be next week, send it to the PC and Board members. Mangus: Do we want to incorporate all of the grammatical changes in before? Yes.

New Business:

1. Private Roads: We have a police power ordinance currently. It really does belong in zoning rather than as a general ordinance. Would need to address. The Board is interested in repealing but the PC would have to have something ready to go at that time. Lawson: need to get direction from the Board before we move forward. Present a letter from the PC to the Board and then if they tell us to do it we will move forward. Do we want to adjust / clean up the current one or start fresh? The current ordinance is enforced by the Board or by the police. Existing private roads need to be handled separately. For new development the current one is fine but for existing it is very difficult. Everyone should read up on it. Denny will get the County road standards to all. Recommendations vs. requirements will have to be addressed.

2. Next Regular Meeting July 2, 2014, will be Master Plan clean-up based on the special meeting on the 24th. Executive summary review and communication plan.

Public Comment Kim Halstead: 7923 Cook Rd., if you are going to make a decision on private roads, everyone who lives on private roads needs to be informed. Previously residents had spoken at a citizen organized meeting that they want it the same. Lawson: We may want to have town hall style meeting. A drive-way with more than two accesses is considered a private road.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary