

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING, October 1, 2014

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Bowerman, Miller

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

Set/Adjust Agenda: Set

Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Mangus , second by Lawson . All in favor. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None.

Public Comment:

Public Hearing: None

Reports:

Correspondence: None.

Zoning Administrator Report, Habedank: Zoning office has been very busy, major and minor building permits.

Zoning is generally lacking in ADA (American Disability Act) compliance information, particularly handicap parking. What do we do about a request for rezoning? Have not heard any more from Horse Shows by the Bay.

Township Board Representative, Lawson: Nothing new. Busy with other Board items. No letter from Supervisor.

Chair, Dean: PC will do the Public Hearing for the Master Plan.

Old Business:

1. Master Plan Draft: Need to connect with the editor to complete, to get the final Draft ready for the Board. Final draft in a couple weeks. Map adjustments. Road map in the larger format to be digital on the web not as a pull out map in the Master Plan document. Still need the creeks and streams included with lake access points. Prefer the road map NOT include state, county, municipality, etc., colored designations. PC can get large and poster size maps for future use. Denny can get them within a week.
2. Future topics for PC: Looking for a "letter of direction" from the Supervisor. Denny will send a list to PC members and the Board.
(Not necessarily in this order of importance)
 - * Private Road Ordinance is a General Ordinance and can easily be addressed as a Zoning Ordinance.
 - * Look at the Zoning Ordinance, section by section.
 - * References and amendments need to be looked at. Hit the "hot spots" and disconnects.
 - * Research is on the PC. Possibly have each member look at specific sections and bring back input.
 - * Rezoning procedures.
 - * Commercial zoning and commercial drives. Need to design/and direct our commercial district.
 - * Clarify "Use by right" and "Special uses", currently references back and forth.
 - * Block out a table of contents as a work plan.
 - * References and requirements help to shape the zoning districts.This will need to be handled more streamlined than the way the Master Plan has been done. Need direction, starting with a clean slate, not get hung up on some of the historical issues. Are there other zoning ordinance examples to be referenced? (Yes) Need to make sure all procedures are followed so everything is valid.
Denny will send Private Road Ordinance example(s) and State guidelines for reference.

New Business:

1. Next Regular Meeting: November 5, 2014

Denny: Map
Mickey: Draft Plan

Commission Discussion/Comments: Time line of Draft approval and public hearing, no hurry now.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary