

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Draft

I. 11-Jan-10 meeting called to order 7:31 P.M. by Laurie Fromhart

II. Roll Call

Chris Brown	Dave Faust	Laurie Fromhart	
Dave Horney	Mark Iwanicki	Jeff Simkiss	Tom Wharam

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to accept agenda as presented – Chris Brown
- Second to motion – Tom Wharam
- Vote - unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 14-Dec-09 as corrected – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion – Dave Horney
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

- None

VII. Old Business

A. Hamlet FLU Map

- Sally Elmiger discussed how the master plan does not have to be specific since it presents future use
- There was discussion about the future sewer use district
- Parcels added to the future sewer use district do not have to pay until they are actually connected to the system
- The future sewer use district is outlined by parcel
- The future land use district is outlined by area
- Sally Elmiger marked up a hamlet future land use map showing the proposed changes
- The industrial area will only be north since there is a drain to the west
- Sally Elmiger will send a price to create a map of the future land use
- Dave Horney will send Sally Elmiger a pdf map of the future land use

B. US-12/Lima Center Rd FLU Map

- Sally Elmiger presented a marked up future land use map of this area
- The medium use area will be changed to low density residential (one unit per one acre)
- The Commercial area will become Office/Service Transition area
- The Multiple family/Townhome area will become agricultural
- Sally Elmiger will send a price for Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to create a map of the future land use
- Laurie Fromhart will add the review of the Public/Quasi public area to next month's agenda

C. Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance Discussion

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- There was discussion about if there is a need for an ordinance
- The general belief is that there is not enough wind in Bridgewater Township for a commercial wind farm
- Issues of concern for private use are height, safety and noise
- It was decided that we should take it under advisement pending more information

VIII. New Business

A. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, ZBA rep., SWWCOG/MCJPC rep.)

- Dave Horney nominates Laurie Fromhart as chair
- Vote – unanimous
- Dave Horney nominates Dave Faust as vice chair
- Vote – unanimous
- Chris Brown nominates Tom Wharam as Secretary
- Vote – unanimous
- Tom Wharam nominates Dave Horney as ZBA rep.
- Vote – unanimous
- Jeff Simkiss nominates Laurie Fromhart as SWWCOG/MCJPC rep
- Vote – unanimous

B. 2009 Draft Annual Report to the Township Board

- Laurie Fromhart will:
 - Remove the Wind Energy Conversion System
 - Add outdoor wood furnaces
 - Develop site plan review checklist

C. PC Training

- Advanced training through Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. is recommended, which includes developing a site plan review checklist
- Sally Elmiger will talk to Doug of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. about recommended training
- There is \$2000 dollars in the budget for training which must be used before 4-Mar-10
- Training can take place after March

D. 2010 PC Goals

- See item B.

IX. Communications

A. Report on 7-Jan-10 Board of Trustees meeting – Jolea Mull

- Jolea reported on the highlights of the board of Trustees meeting
- The minutes are on record

B. Report on 9-Dec-09 SWWCOG & MCJPC Meeting – Laurie Fromhart

- Laurie reported on the highlights of the SWWCOG & MCJPC meetings
- The minutes are on record

C. ZBA meeting – Dave Horney

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- There was no ZBA meeting to report on

D. Report from Zoning Administrator – Laurie Fromhart

- Laurie reported on the report from Carl Macomber

X. Informational Items

A. MTA Conference January 27-29, 2010 Grand Rapids (Memo from Supervisor Mull)

- Laurie Fromhart and Jolea Mull discussed this session

B. Right to Farm & Zoning for Agriculture: Rural, Suburban & Urban Issues - February 3rd 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ann Arbor

XI. Public Comment

- None

XII. Adjournment

- Next meeting: 8-Feb-10 at 7:30 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion – Chris Brown
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

APPROVED