

## Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 10-Feb-14 meeting called to order 7:02 P.M. by Dave Horney

II. Roll Call

Wes Cowden	Cal Messing	Dave Horney
Mark Iwanicki	Tom Wharam	

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion to accept the agenda as amended – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Tom Wharam
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 13-Jan-13 as amended – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

- None

VII. Old Business

A. Holy Ascension Cemetery - update

- Rodney Nanney gave copies of the ordinance to Mark Davis. Have not heard back from them yet.

B. Master Plan open house

- Rodney Nanney presented the materials that he had put together of what could be presented at the open house
- There was discussion of changes to the format and materials
- The open house will be Thursday 27-Mar-14 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the John Kosmalski's meeting facility
- People should plan on being there as much as possible
- Setup will start about 3:00 PM with cleanup until about 8:30 PM
- This will be an informal meeting with no planned presentations

C. Master Plan review

- There was further discussion of the master plan
- The draft document will be completed after comments are received from the open house
- The full draft document should be available for the May meeting

VIII. New Business

A. PC budget

- The Planning Commission budget decreased due to salary (less people, some people choosing to not be paid) and attorney fees
- Motion to approve budget as presented by the Board of Trustees – Dave Horney

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- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

### B. PC annual report

- There was a review of the annual report that Dave Horney had prepared; see addendum
- Motion to send to the Board of Trustees the Planning Commission Annual Report – Dave Horney
- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

## IX. Communications

### A. Report from Zoning Administrator – Carl Macomber

- No report was provided

### B. Report on 6-Feb-14 Board of Trustees meeting – Wes Cowden

- Wes Cowden reported on the highlights of the Board of Trustees meeting
- Laurie Fromhart sent out draft minutes to all members. She will continue to do so.
- The minutes are on record

### C. Dindoffer parcel/WCPRC

- There was discussion of what happened at the board meeting

## X. Informational Items

- Rodney Nanney spoke on the Michigan Supreme court's ruling on medical marijuana
- Can regulate as a land use
- Currently marijuana does not fall under the Right to Farm Act
- The zoning ordinance will have to be updated accordingly

## XI. Public Comment

- None

## XII. Adjournment

- Next meeting: 10-Mar-14 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Mark Iwanicki
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

### Addendum – PC Annual Report

In addition to its regular business of reviewing and taking action on proposed developments, the Planning Commission also:

- Set an annual schedule.
- Elected PC officers.
- Worked with Pennington, DeGroot & Nanney and completed revising the zoning ordinance.
- Began working on revisions to the Township Master Plan with Pennington, DeGroot, and Nanney.
- Held ongoing training sessions for the new Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Held a public hearing on January 14, 2013 for the revised Township Zoning Ordinance.
- On February 11, 2013 sent a resolution to the Board of Trustees for adoption of the revised Township Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance was adopted with an effective date of May 20, 2013.
- On June 10, 2013 a public hearing was held for the SLU application of an outdoor sales lot for the Mann parcel at 8400 Boettner Rd. The public hearing was adjourned until July 8, 2013 due to incomplete application.
- On July 8, 2013 the public hearing for the Mann SLU was resumed and the SLU was denied due to an incomplete application.
- On August 12, 2013 the denial of the Mann SLU was rescinded and was then approved. Reversal of the July application was based on fact the information was provided by the applicant in the time needed, but was not available to the Planning Commission at the time of the July meeting.
- On November 11, 2013 a public hearing was held for the SLU application of a meeting hall for the Kosmalski property at 9045 Austin Rd. The SLU was approved.
- On December 9, 2013 a public hearing was held for the SLU application for a cemetery for the Holy Ascension Romanian Orthodox Monastery at 15143 Sheridan Rd. The application received contingent approval.

The Planning Commission's Work Program for 2014 includes the following:

- Training for Planning Commission members
- Finish the update to the Township Master Plan