

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 8-Jun-09 meeting called to order 7:07 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 add to agenda the addition of discussion with the township attorney on the Ervin-Stucki parking lot – Dave Faust
- Second to motion – Jeff Simkiss
- Vote - unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes from 11-May-08

- Motion to approve minutes as amended – Jeff Simkiss
- Second to motion – Dave Horney
- Vote - unanimous

These two items were not covered due to Fred Lucas' (township attorney) appearance.

VI. ~~Public Hearings~~

~~A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to revise language for the Conservation Preservation (CP) District.~~

- ~~Deferred due to lack of notice and review by township attorney.~~

- ~~1. Presentation~~
- ~~2. PC/Consultant Comments~~
- ~~3. Public Comment~~
- ~~4. PC Discussion/Action~~

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~~VII. Old Business~~

- ~~None~~

VIII. New Business

A. Joint meeting with the Board of Trustees to review the parking lot at the Ervin-Stucki parking lot.

In an effort to save time, this portion of the meeting took place after the board meeting was called to order.

- Fred Lucas presented a brief history of the Ervin-Stucki Nature Preserve controversy.
- Two out of three variances were approved by ZBA.
- WCPR must remove wetlands fill by August. Without doing this, they must restart their application.
- The township originally would not approve the removal of the fill without a complete application.
- The county does not want to finish the application until they appeal the ZBA variance decision.
- Laurie Fromhart read an e-mail from the county and the DEQ (on record) of the changes that the county will make to the parking lot.
- Fred Lucas recommends that the fill be removed but no other changes until final site approval.

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- Jolea Mull mentioned that the observation deck was supposed to be in the middle of the wetlands, not by the river. The second boardwalk was never on any applications.
- Fred Lucas recommends that we go to court to block the county from by-passing the process again.
- There was discussion on what can be done in court to stop the county from pursuing more parks in Bridgewater Township.
- Fred Lucas will send Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation a letter stating that they can remove the wetlands fill but cannot alter the parking lot.
- **Laurie Fromhart will write up a description of what has happened, send it to Fred Lucas who will form a letter to send to Jim Reach, the county lawyer.**
- Fred Lucas recommends that Bridgewater Township get out the Joint Planning Commission.

B. Joint meeting with the Board of Trustees to review Bridgewater Township's zoning ordinance and compare it to Sharon and Freedom Townships zoning ordinances.

- Laurie Fromhart reviewed the Bridgewater Township Ordinances Table of Contents
- Will break up into groups to compare and contrast Bridgewater's Zoning ordinance with Sharon / Freedom / Manchester zoning ordinances.
- Jolea Mull is looking at Article 3
- SLU - Laurie Fromhart / Chris Brown
- General provisions – Dave Horney

The meeting went to Adjournment here do to tornado warnings.

~~IX. Communications~~

~~A. Report on June 4, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting—Dave Faust~~

- ~~• Dave reported on the highlights of the board of Trustees Meeting~~
- ~~• The minutes are on record~~

~~B. Report on May 13, 2009 SWWCOG & MCJPC meetings—Laurie Fromhart~~

- ~~• Laurie reported on the highlights of the SWWCOG & MCJPC Meetings~~
- ~~• The minutes are on record~~

~~C. Report on ZBA meeting—Dave Horney~~

- ~~• Dave did not go meeting~~
- ~~• The minutes are on record~~

~~D. Report from Zoning Administrator—Laurie Fromhart~~

- ~~• Dave Faust reported on the comments from Carl Macomber~~
- ~~• The report is on record~~

~~X. Informational Items~~

- ~~• None~~

~~XI. Public Comment~~

- ~~• None~~

XII. Adjournment

- Next meeting: 13-Jul-09 at 7:30 P.M.

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- Motion to adjourn – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Tom Wharam
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.