

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 6, 2012

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 6, 2012, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Charles Bibart
Ken Hovenkamp
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ron Avis
Len Jaworski

OTHER ATTENDEES: Attorney Rolfe

Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ken Hovenkamp with support from Dave Reno to approve the agenda as issued.

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by David Aubry to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Hearing: Proposed ordinance and map updates for residential, commercial, and industrial districts

Chairman Visel opened the public hearing at 7:04pm for discussion of the proposed ordinance and map updates for residential, commercial, and industrial districts as noticed. No township residents or other persons were present at the meeting. The Public Hearing remained open while the Old Business agenda was discussed (see notes below). Chairman Visel closed the Public Hearing at 7:31pm.

As no public comments were received, a motion from Charles Bibart with support from David Aubry, to recommend approval of the subject text and map changes to the Township Board was made.

Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Zoning Ordinance amendments resulting from changes to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act in 2011 and 2012

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 6/28/2012 Memorandum prepared by Attorney Rolfe concerning the subject amendments concerning biofuel production, mining, and wireless communication equipment. Attorney Rolfe's recommended actions for each of the amendments was supported by the Commission.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on activities of the Board including the Board's recognition of Walter Jasiak. Also, the Comcast Cable franchise agreement is under discussion.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

As the Commission has now completed work on all zoning districts (text and map) needed to achieve alignment with our Master Plan, Attorney Rolfe will begin the process of reviewing and proposing alignment with the remainder of the ordinance.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart