

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2010

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Bibart
Ken Hovenkamp
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno
Jim Shaw
Beverly Snyder
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ron Avis
Guy Golomb

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh (7:00-8:00pm)

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Jim Shaw with support from Len Jaworski to approve the agenda with the addition of "Vicksburg Master Plan" under new business.

Motion carried 7-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by Beverly Snyder to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Vicksburg Master Plan

The Village of Vicksburg forwarded a copy of their new Master Plan for review and comment from the Township. The Plan was forwarded to the Planning Commission for review. Discussion centered around the two newly proposed land use designations for land in Schoolcraft and Brady Townships contiguous to the Village: Intermunicipal Growth Area and Intermunicipal Study Area.

It was noted that any and all proposals to adjust Municipal boundaries between the Township and Village were subject to South County Intermunicipality Committee review and recommendation. As such, any boundary adjustment proposal would be judged on its individual merit. The Township is not predisposed to favor one area over another prior to reviewing any proposal.

Secretary Bibart will draft a response to the Village for comment by Commission members.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Ag zoning: Continued discussion on language and mapping

Significant discussion continued on Ag zoning issues. Chairman Visel reviewed a draft presentation, for a future public meeting, to introduce and discuss Ag zoning concepts and issues. Members were encouraged to get back to Barry with any additional points. The Commission continues to discuss the most effective way forward in assuring meaningful public input into any new zoning ordinance involving agricultural land.

Attorney Rolfe provided the Commission with Ross Township's "Sliding Scale Density Table" used in their Agricultural Preservation District. For our February meeting, Chairman Visel volunteered to incorporate some sliding scale concepts into our current draft ordinance language, as well as propose completion of our mapping proposal.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on the Board's interest in updating the Township recreational plan.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No issues were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Bibart".

Charles Bibart
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