

Watson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Chuck Andrysiak called the meeting of the Watson Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Beverly McKinnon, Chuck Andrysiak, Barbara Wrobleski, John Menzie, Jim Baas and Rod Zeinstra. Absent David Carter. Four persons in the audience.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Chuck asked for approval of minutes. With the meeting of April 27, 2007, not having a quorum a discussion was held with Mark Sisson about roads and driveways. Because of this no meeting was held in April, the March 28th, was not approved. Motion by John to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Beverly, all approved.

4. Approval of Agenda:

John made the motion to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Jim. All approved.

5. Public Comments & Communications concerning item not on the agenda:

Ken Pardee made the statement that Hopkins Public Schools was losing their Superintendent. And did we have any ideas of someone to fill the job? He just wanted the planning commission to know.

Chad VanHorn from Timber Ridge Bay LLC Big Lake 16th Street. {Old Kent Property} wanted to let know of their plans to made a road and develop lots on Big Lake.

6. New Business:

1. Discuss planning for Master Plan Review later in year.
Discussion was held. Six months to a year to review and make a new Master Plan. We will table this until we can talk with Mark Sisson .

7. Old Business:

1. Discuss Township Boards action on zoning amendments.
Cathy Pardee, Supervisor explained why she voted No on the 5 acre minimum zoning amendment proposal. She does not like the plans; thinks we have not followed our Master Plan; does not fully understand the clustering concept, concerned that we will drive lots to the A-1 zone where 1 – 2 acre lots are allowed. Discussion; Suggestion; For the Planning Commission to meet with the Township Board and explain the reasons for the new zoning.
Rod suggested having the Township Board come to our June 27th, so we can explain our reasoning for five acres and clustering. Maybe a video.
2. Private Road Amendment draft.
We could not work on this because Mark Sisson was absent. He was stranded in Italy.
3. Drive way amendment draft.
Will Table this because Mark was absent.

8. Other Business/On Going Business:

None

9. Adjourn

Jim made the motion to adjourn at 8:58pm. Seconded by John. All approved.

Barbara Wrobleski