

Watson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2009

1. Call Meeting to Order:

- Chairperson David Carter, called the meeting of the Watson Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:12pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- All recited the pledge.

3. Roll Call:

- Present: David Carter, Beverly McKinnon, Michelle Harris, and Barbara Wroblewski.
- Also present Candy Adrianson, Watson Township Superior, Ken Pardee, Allegan County Planning Commission, Mark Sission, Our Planning Consultant, Tim McKinnon, Hopkins Fire Chief. Troy Baker, Dawn Wieck, and Lori Bonser.
- Absent: Jim Baas and Rod Zeinstra.

4. Approval of Agenda:

- David asked for approval of the agenda. Beverly made the motion to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Michelle. All approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

- David asked for approval of the minutes for the 1-28-2009 meeting. Michelle made the motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Beverly. All approved.

6. Public Comments & Communications concerning items not on the agenda:

- Ken reminded the planning commission about the meeting at the Dumont Lake Complex on March 31, 2009.

7. New Business

1. Six month review of Special Use Kennel

- Dawn reported that the kennel has been approved as AKC, "Canine Good Citizens Program." She gave out papers stating her insurance, and how many dogs and general up keep of the kennel. Mark told Dawn that she needs to have a certificate of insurance. He stated that this is just a review.
- Motion made by Beverly to approve the continued operation in compliance of all other rules and the Planning Commission needs a proof of insurance. Seconded by Michelle. All approved.
- **2.Fire Chief/Tim McKinnon**
- Tim explained the Knox-Box. This is a box that has a master key and the fire department has a key, so the firemen can get into a locked building in case of fire. Tim advises that all new construction be required to have this box. At this time the planning commission does not have any zoning for this. Mark will check into this. NOTE; Make sure the township board knows of this box. (I gave the papers about the box to Kelly. Barb)
- Seminar/Conference at the Zimmerman Room at Dumont Complex on 3-31-09 and who would like to attend.
- Dave Carter, Michelle Harris, Beverly McKinnon and Barbara Wroblewski plan on going.

8. Old Business

1. Master Plan Review

Mark explained his paper, Environmentally Sensitive Master Plan: A Master Plan that is sensitive to the environment is one that inventory of natural and related resources in the community and which incorporates land use polices based on what is learned from knowledge

and analysis of the inventory. Following is what is typically addressed in an environmentally based plan.

2. Components of a Natural and Related Resources Inventory

1. Where and What to Include in Future Land Use Plan

3. Watson Township Planning Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

1. Mark explained the proposed changes in the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

4. Confirm meeting dates set and officers elected at last meeting

1. Officers elected at the January 28, 2009 meeting were:

Chairman; David Carter

Vice Chairman: Beverly McKinnon

Secretary: Barbara Wroblewski

Michelle made the motion to accept the election of officers that the Planning Commission elected in January. Reference; January 28, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Beverly. All approved.

Resolution:

We hereby resolve that the 2009 meeting dates shall be As Follows:

March 25, 2009. April 22, 2009. May 27, 2009. June 24, 2009. July 22 2009. August 26, 2009 September 23, 2009. October 28, 2009. November - No Meeting. December 2, 2009 if needed. January 27, 2010. February 24, 2010. March 24, 2010.

Michelle made the motion to accept the Resolution for meeting dates for next year.

Seconded by Beverly. Voting by show of hand; Michelle Yes, Dave Yes, Beverly Yes, Barbara Yes. Jim Baas and Rod Zeinstra were absent.

Declared Adopted; February 25, 2009.

9. Any other business/on going business

- Dave reported from ZBA. This was about a property known as the LaFountain Farm on M222 west of 16th Street. The property was split and sold at a tax sale. It is wet land and also a back piece of property. The request was turned down because of no road frontage.

10. Adjourn meeting

- Beverly made the motion to adjourn at 9:33pm; seconded by Michelle. All approved.

Barbara Wroblewski