

Watson Township Planning Commission

December 3, 2014

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-

Present: Barb Wroblewski, David Carter, Bruce Bos, Chuck Andrysiak, Michelle Harris, Troy Baker, Bev McKinnon

Absent: none

Visitors: none

4. Approval of Minutes- motion made by Troy Baker to approve the minutes with two spelling corrections. It was seconded by Bev McKinnon. All approved.

5. Public comments or communications concerning items not on Agenda- none

6. Approval of Agenda- There was a motion made to approve the agenda by Chuck Andrysiak; seconded by Bruce Bos.

7. Old Business-

- a. Tabled ordinances- Dave Carter reported that the Watson Township Board adopted the wind/solar ordinance that we sent to them. They did not adopt the wood furnace ordinance. They stated that they would be responsible to re-work it. We, the planning commission, have concerns that we won't have any guidelines by which to govern should a conflict or problem with an installed wood burner should arise. A couple of years ago, it was the Watson Township Board that requested the planning commission formulate this ordinance. After the many hours of work and money that was spent on formulating this ordinance, we would like to see some version of the one we sent to them be put into place.
- b. Schnable Lake- No new information about the request to make this lake a no wake zone lake has come to our attention.

8. New Business-

- a. Site plan review for Hidden Ridge building additions- The owners have stated that they would like to develop their campgrounds by building a pavilion and a small arcade building. It is the consensus of our board that a site plan review is sufficient to meet this request. A special use permit is not needed on the basis that the expansions fit within the parameters of the original site plan.
- b. Updating our Master Plan-
 - i. We will be notifying the surrounding townships to our township that we have started this process.
 - ii. We did not determine that it is necessary to add language in regards to mega farms due to the Farm Act already having sufficient language in this matter.
 - iii. We started with researching and updating the demographics of our township. It was decided that we will request Mark Sisson, our Planning Consultant to give us a quote for updating chapters 3 and 4.
 - iv. Members of the planning commission will continue to research sources for reliable demographic information.
- c. We added a January 2015 meeting to our schedule to accommodate the site plan review request by Hidden Ridge Campgrounds.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm by Michelle Harris; support given by Bev McKinnon.

Submitted by,

Michelle Harris
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary