

Watson Township Planning Commission

June 25, 2014

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-

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

Absent: none

Visitors: none

4. Approval of Minutes- motion made by Chuck Andrysiak 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 Michelle Harris; seconded by Chuck Andrysiak.

7. Old Business-

- a. Tabled ordinances- the Watson Township Board has reviewed the solar/wind purposed ordinances. They sent them back to us with some questions. We made the clarifications requested and will return the final draft to them for approval.
- b. Schnable Lake Campgrounds- A representative from PCI inspected the fence that they erected along the property line to see if it was in compliance with the special use permit conditions. It was determined they are in compliance.
- c. Incorporating hydraulic fracturing into zoning ordinance- We have been very thorough in our discussions and research over the past several months. We continue to wait for the MSU study to be published. Dave read a portion of a recent article from the Grand Rapids Press; highlighting the inspection of wells.

8. New business- The property of the former Watson church located on 116th Ave is for sale. Watson Township was asked by a couple if they could purchase this property for the purpose of establishing a small retail business. This property is currently zoned A2 which doesn't allow for commercial practices. Dave Carter did some investigation and found that in 2006, the State of Michigan relaxed their standards for zoning to allow for conditional zoning. Therefore we now can exercise this option for said property. The township discourages spot zoning so re-zoning a specific property to accommodate requests is not an option.
9. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm by Michelle Harris; support given by Troy Baker.

Submitted by,

Michelle Harris
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary