

Watson Township Planning Commission

January 14, 2015

Site Plan Review and Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Randy Burri- contractor, Glenn Rahn- architect, Carl Wrobleski

4. Approval of Minutes- motion made by Troy Baker to approve the minutes with the striking of a sentence. It was seconded by Barb Wrobleski. 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 after switching old and new business, by Chuck Andrysiak; seconded by Troy Baker.

7. New Business-

a. Hidden Ridge Campground site plan review-

Project A- renovating the existing basketball court slab area.

There will be a roof created, a propane fireplace added, a knee wall and other changes to make the area a pavilion. They offered that the lighting will be inside of the area, not outside.

Project B- a building will be built for the purpose of moving the arcade area to a more central location on the property. It will house a small non-commercial electrically powered kitchen. They will be able to have a convenience store and ice cream area too.

- b. After listening to the presentation by Randi Burri and Glenn Rahn, there was some discussion about details and we reviewed our concerns. We were satisfied that all conditions had been met or will be after working with PCI and the health department. Michelle Harris made a motion with Chuck Andrysiak supporting that Hidden Ridge Campgrounds be granted their special use permit with the following conditions:
- They must meet with a Hopkins Fire Department representative to check on accessibility of their equipment.
  - They must meet with the health department regarding the kitchen.
  - They meet with PCI about the building that will be called garage/chapel for code compliance.
- c. Updating the Master Plan- Dave shared that the Right to Farm Act prohibits townships from restricting large commercial farms. We are unable to add language addressing this topic to our Master Plan. We deliberated about which maps needed to be updated. We will check into the cost of a new road map along with a land use map. Mark Sisson will be hired to research and change the necessary data in chapters 3 and 4 according to his submitted estimate.
8. Old Business- Michelle Harris gave a report concerning the status of the Wood Furnace Ordinance that was submitted to Watson Township Board for a vote. She reported that the board reworked a couple of items and will finalize the written version and re-vote on it at their next meeting. The changes were focused under the fuel section.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm by Michelle Harris; support given by Bev McKinnon.

Submitted by,

Michelle Harris  
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary