

Watson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2009

1. Call meeting to order

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All recited the pledge.

3. Roll call

Present: David Carter, Beverly McKinnon, Michelle Harris, Troy Baker, Barbara Wrobleski, and Jim Baas. Mark Sisson, our Planning Commission Consultant, was present.

Absent: Rod Zeinstra. No others present.

4. Approval of minutes

Troy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, to change dog farm to kennel and Township instead of planning commission, also quotation marks. They were seconded by Jim. All approved.

5. Public Comments and Communications

None

6. Approval of Agenda

Beverly made the motion to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Michelle. All approved.

7. Old Business

a. Master Plan & Future Land Use/Implementation

Dave asked Mark about our master plan. Mark answered that copies of the master plan were sent in digital form to Gun plains Township, Trowbridge Township, Hopkins Township, Allegan Township, Monterey Township, Wayland Township, Martin Township and Otsego Township. After sixty two days from the mailing of the master plan the planning commission has to set a date for a formal public hearing for the people of Watson Township. We need to talk to Candy ,our Supervisor, to set a date. It was suggested that maybe we have a public hearing at our meeting date in December? In the next month meeting, October 28th, 2009, the planning commission will finalize the meeting. Suggested: Have a display-How

the plan is different from the old plan?-Put on a web site?

8. New Business

Review of Gun Plans & Trowbridge Township Master Plans

Discussion about what the plans have and what they don't have. Michelle brought up what about Historical buildings in Watson Township? The Watson Church on M222 was brought up. Also what about hiking trails? There was no conflict in the plans.

Dave made the motion to accept the Gun Plains Township Master Plan as written. Seconded by Michelle. All Agreed.

Troy made the motion to accept the Trowbridge Township Master plan as written. Seconded by Beverly. All agreed.

b. Request of zoning change for parcel #011-20 owned by Alan Henrickson.

Currently zoned as R-2. Requesting A-2 zoning.

Dave presented a map from Kevin Kutscher, Watson Township Assessor, requesting a zoning change in a parcel from R-2 to A-2. Discussion. After discussion, led by Mark, Dave will talk to Kevin about changes. It really wouldn't be advisable to change it at this time, because of the rite to farm act. The rite to farm act means that farming is exempt from zoning. In R-2 you can have small lots and in A-2 you have larger lots.

9. On going Business

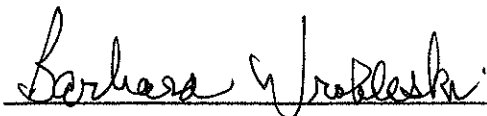
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10. Adjourn meeting

Michelle made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Beverly.

All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.



Barbara Wroblewski