

MINUTES
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
8870 N. LONG LAKE ROAD
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cuthbert at 6:00 p.m. at the Long Lake Township Hall.

2. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Michelle Marsh, Robert Verschaeve, Carol Hoffman, Pam Cuthbert, Mark Humitz, and Joy Tobin were present. David Williams was absent and excused.

Township staff present was Leslie Sickterman, Township Planner, Shirley Mesch, Zoning Administrator and Sara Kopriva, Recording Secretary.

Three members of the public were present, including the Township forester, Daniel Schillinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes to the agenda were made. Hoffman moved, supported by Humitz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT: There were no conflicts of interest at this meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 28, 2009 (REGULAR MEETING) Humitz moved, supported by Hoffman to approve the minutes with changes.

1.) Pg. 2, 12. Reports, A. Planner, last sentence changed to: There is going to be a meeting open to the public to gain public input on August 20th at Long Lake Elementary for the Village Plan.

2.) Pg. 3, 12. Reports, D. Township Board Representative, last sentence changed to: Supervisor Rosa has been involved in meetings regarding the septage facility and possible solutions to their monetary short fall.

Motion Carried.

6. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any person may speak for up to 3 minutes). Pug Rundio thanked the Commission on the work done so far on the Village Plan and hoped that joint planning with the county would continue.

7. POSTPONED BUSINESS: There was none.

8. PUBLIC HEARING: There was none.

9. PENDING BUSINESS

Everyone agreed to discuss item B prior to A because of the length of discussion that will occur with the Zoning Ordinance.

B) FINAL APPROVAL OF ROADSIDE TREE PLANTING PLAN

Sickterman presented the final draft of the Tree Planting Plan. Since last meeting, it has been decided that the tree removal portion of the plan will happen over time and in conjunction with the Road Commission. The planting of trees will be the first priority. The phasing priorities include Herkner Rd., E Long Lake Rd. and portions of Cedar Run Rd. Property owners have been contacted and there has been support for the program on those roads.

In the draft, the budget was not included, but was distributed at the meeting. Discussion about the budget ensued. Sickterman would like to use more volunteer labor than in earlier budget versions to keep the costs down. Sickterman is to revise the budget as discussed before submitting the grant to the DNR.

Verschaeve moved, supported by Humitz to approve the Roadside Tree Planting Plan with corrections discussed, and an amended budget. Motion carried.

A) ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW

The Planning Commission discussed the attorney review of the Ordinance. They created a list of items from the attorney review list that they would like to discuss at the next meeting. Items included waterfront setbacks, WECS, and non conformities among others.

The Planning Commission discussed how to proceed with the list of items to discuss. The Ordinance will be discussed at a special meeting on September 15 and the regular September 22 meeting. The goal is for to have a public hearing on October 21.

10. NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Any person may speak for up to 3 minutes):

John Tobin mentioned that the staff has limited time to complete items and talked about the Village Plan. He is concerned about businesses being economically viable.

12. REPORTS:

A) PLANNER report was received.

- 1) VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE
Sickterman stated that about 100 people attended the meeting last week for the Village Plan. Property owners in the area were contacted and the Township made an effort to get everyone involved. There will be continued Steering Committee meetings to review changes resulting from the public comment received.
 - B) PLANNING CONSULTANT report was received.
 - C) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR report was received. There have been many noise complaints recently and land use permits issued for small improvements. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in September and October. Mesch asked that the Planning Commission look at the sign area of the Ordinance to determine if the sizing is appropriate.
 - D) TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Hoffman stated that the consumer energy franchise is expiring and they are asking for a new franchise. The Township did join in support of the ORV Ordinance that allows ORVs to operate on the far right of the road right of way. The ordinance is available on the County website.
 - E) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: There was no meeting in August, but there will be one in September to approve Minutes.
11. CORRESPONDENCE: There was a Citizen Planner pamphlet distributed.
 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Many of the members went to the Open House for the Village Plan and found it interesting.
 13. ADJOURNMENT: Humitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

JOY TOBIN, SECRETARY
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SARA KOPRIVA, RECORDING SECRETARY
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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