

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2009 7:00 PM

The monthly meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice Chairperson Jerry Hamelink.

Present: Ed Woodhams, Jerry Hamelink, Delbert Burr, Barbara Thole, Township Supervisor Doug Byas.

Absent: Jim Deming

We were joined for a portion of the meeting by two young ladies who were visiting the meeting as part of their assignment for their high school government class.

The meeting was turned over to Supervisor Byas who stated that the planning commission is making good progress and should not have much more to do on the update of the land use plan. It was suggested by Mr. Byas that Mr. Woodham's notes from 9/21/09 minutes become the extension and preamble for the notes from the 8/10/09 meeting. These items have now been merged into one document.

Mr. Woodhams stated that 2010 – 2030 are the dates for the new land use plan.

Supervisor Byas answered the questions that were presented in the 9/21/09 PC minutes as follows:

Send completed plan to adjacent localities for comments-not necessary-will be available in township office for public.

Use current maps and change dates-yes

Township attorney will receive copy of completed land use plan

We need to put old land use plan on computer and save to disk-Secretary Thole offered to do

Need to have at least one public hearing before plan is finalized

Title as extension-yes

Number of copies of plan-one for each member of township board and as many copies as Planning commission needs. Also make copies available in township office for citizens

Copy of page 24, Section 61 (Enabling Act)should be given to township board (regarding public construction)-yes

Supervisor Byas left the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Mr. Woodhams then spoke regarding the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. The following portions of the act were discussed:

Section 39, Page 18 of 31

Section 41, Page 19 of 31

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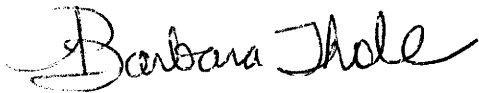
Section 43, Page 20 of 31 (1)

Section 45, Page 22 (This explains how master plan should be adopted.)

The extension document will be presented by Mr. Woodhams at the November 2 regular board meeting. The planning commission can then pass a resolution to have a public hearing. The public hearing could possibly be held on February 8, 2010. Mr. Woodhams will also request the board to publicize the hearing. Section 45 of the Planning Enabling Act on Page 22, states that there is a minimum 42 day waiting period after publication to have the public hearing. The notice in the paper is to be not less than 15 days before the public hearing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Burr and supported by Woodhams. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Thole". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Barbara Thole
Secretary