

Wakeshma Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 9, 2012 7:00PM

The regular quarterly meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:16 PM by Vice-Chairperson Jerry Hamelink. Members present were Jim Deming (7:20 PM), Jerry Hamelink, Delbert Burr, Kipp Bastien and Barbara Thole. There were no citizens in attendance.

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting was made by Hamelink and supported by Burr. The motion was approved.

Copies were distributed to all members of the Urban Regional Research Collaborative Survey being done by Professor Richard Norton of the University of Michigan.

Climax Township is currently in the process of updating their zoning. The finished document will be made available to Wakeshma Township upon completion and will be useful to the planning commission in the process of updating our zoning ordinances.

A bulletin dated June 6, 2012 from Township Attorney Craig Rolfe was discussed. The bulletin was in regard to the 2012 amendments of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. The topics were biofuel production facilities located on a farm, mining land uses and wireless communication towers and equipment. On June 28, 2012, Attorney Rolfe sent a seven page memorandum to the township which further details the subjects of the June 6 bulletin. Chairperson Deming recommended that all members read the memorandum and the subject will be discussed under old business at the next meeting. Mr. Deming will speak with Township Supervisor Doug Byas for his thoughts. A special meeting could be held if necessary but otherwise the topics will be addressed at the next regular quarterly planning commission meeting to be held on October 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hamelink and supported by Burr. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole

Secretary for Planning Commission