

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 8, 2012 7:00 PM

The quarterly Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Chairperson Jim Deming. Present: Jim Deming, Jerry Hamelink, Delbert Burr, Kipp Bastien and Barbara Thole

There were no citizens in attendance.

The minutes from the quarterly meeting on July 9, 2012 were presented and reviewed. Mr. Deming entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Hamelink and supported by Mr. Burr. The motion was approved unanimously.

A memorandum from Craig Rolfe, Township Attorney to township clients was discussed. This document was regarding amendments to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) in 2011 and 2012. The amendments were concerning three Public Acts as follows:

2011 Public Act 97 – biofuel production facilities

2011 Public Act 113 – mining land uses

2012 Public Act 143 – wireless communications equipment

In the document, Attorney Rolfe gave information and opinion as to the effect these public acts could have on townships. After careful consideration by the members of the planning commission it was decided that all were in agreement with Option 1 in all three Acts as recommended by the attorney. The planning commission will recommend to the Township Board that Attorney Rolfe be given direction to initiate the language necessary to update our zoning ordinances as necessitated by the amendments to the acts listed above. The township clerk will have the full document dated June 28, 2012 from the township attorney on file in the township office.

Mr. Deming informed the planning commission members that he would be submitting a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission effective as of November 19, 2012.

There was discussion for election of officers for the year 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Bastien and supported by Mr. Burr for nominations as follows:

Jerry Hamelink – Chairperson

Kipp Bastien -Vice-Chairperson

Barbara Thole – Recording Secretary

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The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Deming and supported by Mr. Bastien to establish the quarterly Planning Commission Meetings for the calendar year 2013 by Resolution. (The Resolution follows). A voice vote was taken.

Deming – Yes

Hamelink – Yes

Bastien – Yes

Burr – Yes

Thole – Yes

The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamelink and supported by Mr. Burr to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole

Recording Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF WAKESHMA

COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Resolution of Wakeshma Township Planning Commission
Approval Authority Under MCL 125.3821 (1)

WHEREAS, the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission shall hold Four (4) regularly scheduled quarterly meetings as follows for the calendar year 2013:

January 14, 2013

April 8, 2013

July 8, 2013

October 14, 2013

WHEREAS, a special meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission may be called by the chairperson or by 2 other members, upon written request to the secretary. The secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to planning commission members not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

WHEREAS, the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission will hold it's four regularly scheduled quarterly meetings at the Wakeshma Township Hall beginning at 7:00 PM.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular quarterly meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission held at the Township Hall on October 8, 2012; that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act of Michigan; that a quorum of the Planning Commission was present and voted in favor of the resolution; and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Barbara Thole, Secretary
Wakeshma Township
Planning Commission