

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 7:00 PM

The meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:13 PM by Vice Chairperson Jerry Hamelink. Chairperson Deming arrived after the call to order.

Present: Delbert Burr, Ed Woodhams, Jerry Hamelink, Barbara Thole , Jim Deming, and township supervisor Doug Byas

Supervisor Byas was asked to give his presentation. He stated that Ordinance #22 has to do with the zoning maps which show the village limits. The maps are quite fragmented. He suggested that the planning commission consider, during the process, a redefinition of the residential boundaries, perhaps ¼ mile in each direction, making a square. Another suggestion was that we look at Sections 16, 21, and 22. These sections contain the post office (16), store (21) and telephone building (22). A possibility is to take a 200 x 200 square corner out of each section and make a commercial zone. This would make an L shaped business district. The fourth section (where park and old hotel are located) could be left residential.

According to Jerry, public buildings and parks in every zone are considered R1.

Supervisor Byas left the meeting.

Ed Woodhams then presented some notes to preface the notes he presented at last month's meeting. They are as follows:

Wakeshma Planning Commission 9-21-09
Land Use Plan – Wakeshma Township 2010 – 2030

1990-2010 Land Use Plan gives township background and history. Much work was done to determine the physical description of the township and the attitude and will of the citizens.

The agricultural nature of the township has not changed nor has commercial development had any interest in the township.

This plan continues to be the will of the people with few changes other than to correct some zoning irregularities.

Ed then turned our attention to the Michigan Planning Commission Enabling Act—PA33 2008. We reviewed the following pages and sections:

Article I - Section 7 – Page 6 – Item (d)

Article III:

Section 31 – (1 b) and (2 a, b, c) – Page 15

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Article III:

Section 33 (1) and (2) – Page 16

Section 41 (1) - Page 19

Section 43 - Page 20 and Page 21

Section 45 (1) – Page 22

Section 51 (1) – Page 23

Section 61 (1) – Page 24

Section 63 and Section 65 – Page 25

Section (3) – Page 27

Questions and discussion in regard to above sections:

Once we get the plan completed do we send to adjacent localities for their comments?
(Jim)

Can we use the maps we have and change the dates? Section 33

Do we submit the work that Ed has done to the township attorney for his opinion?
Section 41

Is the old land plan on a disk that we can get in order to update it and who will be putting
it on the computer? (Jim)

At least one public hearing is required before plan is finalized? Section 43

Should it be titled as extension as allowed under law? Section 45

Should we make some copies and place in township office for availability to citizens?
Section 51

Should a copy of page 24, Section 61 be given to township board (regarding public
construction)?

Jim said he could get our maps done at Kal-Blue Reprographics at a reasonable cost.

The next meeting is October 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM. We will review the discussion from
the September meeting and give any additional input we may have at that time.

Motion by Ed Woodhams and supported by Delbert Burr to adjourn. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Barbara Thole, Secretary for Planning Commission