

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 7:00 PM

This special meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairperson Jerry Hamelink. In attendance were the members of the Planning Commission: Jerry Hamelink, Kipp Bastien, Delbert Burr, Jeff DeCuypere, Barbara Thole, Township Supervisor Jim Deming, and three citizens.

Supervisor Deming addressed the Planning Commission regarding the importance of the role of the Planning Commission in reviewing the draft of the new zoning ordinance prepared by Township Attorney Craig Rolfe and submitting the Commission's recommendations to the Township Board in the next few months. Butch Cirino, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, would like to attend a future meeting to express his concerns about additions and subtractions to the new ordinance in regard to the blight issue. Supervisor Deming left the meeting.

The minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular quarterly Planning Commission were distributed. A motion was made by Hamelink and supported by DeCuypere to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Work then began on the draft of the new zoning ordinance. The members reviewed chapters 1 through 7. Chapter 8 is reserved for potential future use. Chairperson Hamelink requested that the members be prepared to review chapters 9 and 10 at the next special meeting to be held on June 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The motions, support, recommendations and approval for each chapter reviewed follow:

Chapter 1 - Accept chapter as drafted. Motion by Burr, support by Bastien. Motion approved.
Chapter 2 - Accept chapter as drafted. Motion by Bastien, support by Burr. Motion approved.
Chapter 3 - Discussion of page 3-2, item 3.6-D. Accept chapter as drafted. Motion by Bastien, support by DeCuypere. Motion approved.
Chapter 4- Accept chapter as drafted. Motion by Burr, support by DeCuypere. Motion approved.
Chapter 5-Discussion on page 5-1 of permitted use H-On-Farm Biofuel Production Facility (Type 1). It was recommended that this use be removed from a permitted use and changed to a special land use under 5.3, I and be included with the Type II or Type III On-Farm Biofuel Production Facility. It was recommended that H. Kennel under 5.3 special land use be removed as this is a function of Kalamazoo Animal Services and Enforcement. Motion was made by Bastien and supported by Burr. Motion approved.
Chapter 6-It was recommended that A. Bed and Breakfast Inn under special land use in 6.3 be moved to 6.2 as a permitted use. Motion made by Hamelink, supported by DeCuypere. Motion approved.
Chapter 7-Accept chapter as drafted. Motion by Bastien, support by Burr. Motion was approved.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Burr, support by Bastien. Motion was approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Thole, Secretary for Planning Commission

