

Milton Township Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009

Present: Stilson, Merillat, Cole, Hefferan, Kingon, Kopkau

Members absent: Lockett

Also present: six audience members

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Meetings and Announcements:

Kaskaska County Planning Commission notice of updating the master plan.

Nonconforming lots overlay zone public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2009.

The township board has approved the commission's request to solicit bids from the two top candidates and make a decision for a township planner.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Kopkau. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Approval of past minutes dated October 13, 2009 for regular meeting:

Pg 1: Change to "Motion by Kopkau to approve the agenda as presented..."

Motion by Cole to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Approval of past minutes dated October 27, 2009 for special meeting:

Motion by Hefferan to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Road Relief

Brad and Angie Mumma, parcel 001-50-4D property tax # 05-12-525-001-50 in Weathertop on Powell Lane wish to split their lot into two lots. The one that accesses Powell Lane is the one being sold. He has 6+ acres.

Powell Lane is a paved road that meets county specifications. The private road regulation was amended in 2005 to allow the planning commission to authorize relaxation of the 25 lot maximum for a private road with one access point.

Criteria for relaxation of the standards are in section 2.22 paragraph F2 of the private road regulations.

Currently we are waiting written approval from fire chief, Brian Howard and he has visited the site with Stilson, Merillat and Weinzapfel.

Brad Mumma suggested that the future owner may want to widen Logging Trail Lane to get his driveway access from there rather than Powell Lane.

Motion by Cole to grant relief and approve the lot split for 001-50-4D property tax #05-12-525-001-50 based on 117. 222 paragraph F2, to access Powell Lane, and conditioned on the pending Fire Department written approval. Seconded by Hefferan. Motion carried.

Non conforming Lots Overlay Zone Subcommittee Report:

This is scheduled for a Public Hearing December 8, 2009. The corrected language was in your minutes and is up on the web.

Signs Subcommittee Report:

As given by Stilson. At the recent meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the Elk Rapids ordinance. They will continue to review at future meetings. The subcommittee will meet again December 7 at 4 pm.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee Report:

As given by Cole. The commission will review chapters 3 and 4 at a workshop on November 23 at 5 pm.

Shoreline Protection Subcommittee Report:

As given by Kopkau. The subcommittee is drafting language. The subcommittee will meet again November 23 at 9 am.

Home Business Subcommittee Report:

As given by Cole. This subcommittee had to cancel their last meeting. The subcommittee is wrestling with prohibited uses. Cole said they would like to discuss their ideas with the new consultant. This committee will meet again December 7 at 6 pm.

Point of Sale Septic Inspections

As presented by Kingon. This subcommittee will meet November 18 at 5 pm. Their first meeting was last week on Wednesday. They reviewed all of the info from Dean Branson and looked at ordinances from Long Lake and some others. They are in the process of gathering information. Kingon also went to a forum in Elk Rapids. ER Village would like to come up with an ordinance also. We are considering collaborating with other townships around the lakes, or as many as are interested.

Termaat asked why this legislation would be needed.

Kingon said talking to people working in the industry, there are many septic systems that would not pass and do not function well that do not actually back up into the lawn or have problems flushing.

Scott Finch and Keith Termaat believe there is no need for legislation as this is a self correcting problem. Be aware of the legislative intent of the ordinance.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary