

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Lockett, Cole, Kopkau, Hefferan, Kingon, and Merillat.

Also present: Weinzapfel and one audience member.

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes dated December 8, 2009:

Pg 3: Add period; Pg 3: Home owners, plural; Pg 3: Plat, rather than Platt

Pg 5: Forest Home, rather than Forrest Home

Pg 4: Change Milton Neighbors to Township Neighbors Network

Motion by Kingon to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Lockett. Motion carried.

Meetings and Announcements:

No up coming meetings.

Received information from the Watershed Center addressed to Milton Township Supervisor in support of efforts to develop a septic system point of sale ordinance. Also stated letter sent to Torch Lake and Elk Rapids Supervisors.

Received 2009 Review and update of county Master Plan from Kalkaska.

Received from the Township Neighbors Network through zoning administrator zoning ordinance comments of December 2009 on, water quality amendments, Ordinance revision, and an analysis of the Right to Farm Act.

Township board approved Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works as our planner.

Non conforming lots overlay zone amendment sent to county.

Reappointed to three year terms to the planning commission are Stilson, Hefferan and Lockett.

ZBA is scheduled to meet in March.

Motion by Kopkau to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Lockett. Motion carried.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee Report:

As given by Cole. It is time now to let Kilpatrick take a look at the work that has been done. The next meeting is scheduled for the 19th at 9:00am. The first meeting will be more of a meet and

greet and to get the procedural questions out of the way.

Shoreline Protection Subcommittee Report

Review of current language:

Merillat asked why the density was changed from 5 to 4 in section 214. Cole said this is an issue of key holing. It had to do with the distance from the lot. Regarding 214, it should not be in this chapter, said Merillat. Luckett said effectively a group of people cannot buy a lake parcel and live offsite. Shoreline committee never really dealt with this issue. It was just carried over.

Merillat asked regarding the actual title of Shoreline Protection, it does not have anything to do with rivers or streams or wetlands. Merillat said in 216, Shoreline Protection strip should be defined earlier in the document. Cole said the intent is to establish the boundaries there, rather than define. The subcommittee will look at this. Merillat asked who will determine if there is a disagreement between the township and the homeowner where the delineation between wetland versus non wetland. Cole said this is not determined. If the land owner is proposing to do something with the property, at that point, the owner would have to determine what is and is not wetland. The wetlands are being protected from earth changes. The subcommittee will continue to review. Merillat asked regarding 216D3E. Cole said this is a numbering issue. Merillat pointed out other numbering issues. The subcommittee will meet again January 20th at 4 pm.

Point of Sale Septic Inspection

Kington passed out a spreadsheet dated 1/12/10 regarding septic inspection information for surrounding townships. Many interested parties are scheduled to meet this Thursday. They will discuss this information as well as info from the Charlevoix Health Department and Milton Township. Then, they will open it up and discuss and get feedback on the issues. One thing that's been clarified is that the subcommittee has not been directed to develop an ordinance, but look and see if it's appropriate for this township to have this type of ordinance. The next meeting date is this Thursday, Jan. 14th.

Subcommittee Appointment for Tim Earl. He would like to investigate putting in small engine repair and U-haul Rental. This would be a commercial use in the village zone. Hefferan, Kopkau and Luckett will be on this subcommittee. The meeting will be January 18th at 4 pm.

Election of Officers

Motion by Luckett that chair be Stilson, Vice Chair be Hefferan and Secretary be Merillat.

Seconded by Kington. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary