

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Cole, Merillat, Hefferan and Kopkau

Members absent: Lefebvre, Kingon

Also present: Weinzapfel and one audience member.

Approval of past minutes dated December 15, 2015:

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

Meetings and Announcements:

Weinzapfel discussed some upcoming classes. There is a training meeting at Banks Township on May 16th from 6-8 p.m.

Township Board Update:

Cole discussed two public hearings the board held. One was for the extension of the no wake zone at the South end of Torch Lake at the entrance to the Torch River. This was approved. It now goes to the DNR for review.

The second public hearing was for the development grant for the Sarasin/Earl/Bigelow property. This was also approved.

Weinzapfel said the Maplehurst property is still under consideration by the GT Land Conservancy.

Agenda:

1. 25 Foot Protection Strip
2. PUD Discussion
3. Election of Officers
4. Review 2016 Meeting Dates
5. ZA Report
6. Set agenda for March 15, 2016

25 Foot Protection Strip:

Cole presented an updated draft dated January 9, 2016. Cole discussed the minor changes that were included in this draft. He would like to create a draft that shows the difference between this and the original ordinance so we can see what changed. Do we want the subcommittee to go farther into storm water? If you get into that, you're looking at what happens to rain water farther than those 25 feet. Merillat asked what this would do for us. It would look at a person's property beyond that 25 feet. After review, members suggested further review of the language to split apart what is recommended and what is required. Stilson asked Weinzapfel about how this language helps avoid clear cutting. It does help. The next meeting of this subcommittee will be in April. Hefferan gave some feedback regarding the county and soil erosion control from their

minutes dated February 2, 2016. There is something in place at the county level. It would certainly be best on a county wide level. Weinzapfel will request Heidi Lang come to the next subcommittee meeting. Merillat gave his feedback.

PUD Discussion:

Back in December, there was a discussion on conditional zoning. We have decided not to proceed further with it. At the same time, the commission was looking for ideas for Boat House Storage. Adding PUD language back into the ordinance was considered. Stilson said back in the original ordinance, we had a PD zone. Would that work? Cole said this strikes him as being similar to conditional zoning. Everything we've looked at has a reason why it will not work. Cole said he does not see a way we can make this work for Mr. Anderson and Boat House Storage.

Without objection, Stilson, as the Chair, hereby disbands the Boat House Storage subcommittee because no workable solution has been found.

Election of Officers:

Kopkau nominated Stilson, Hefferan, and Merilat to continue with their positions as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary respectively.

Motion by Cole to close nominations. Seconded by Stilson. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Merillat to approve Stilson as Chair. Seconded Hefferan. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Kopkau to approve Hefferan as Vice Chair. Seconded by Cole. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Hefferan to approve Merillat as Secretary. Seconded by Kopkau. **Motion carried.**

Review Meeting Dates:

Members agreed to the meeting dates.

JANUARY 12	FEBRUARY 9	MARCH 15	APRIL 12
MAY 10	JUNE 14	JULY 12	AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13	OCTOBER 11	NOVEMBER 15	DECEMBER 13

ZA Report:

Chris gave a report on the MTA conference and distributed copies of the new ordinance for member's books.

Set Agenda for March 15, 2016:

There is nothing on the agenda right now.

Motion by Cole to adjourn at 8:25pm. Seconded by Merillat. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat