Planning Commission Minutes for 12-01-14

FINAL APPROVED

Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Cummings

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited by all present.

Member role call:

Mark Inglett_ P _, Bob Cummings_ P _, Jason Wieser_ A _

Wayne Oliver_ P _, Curt Murray_ P _, Larry Hafner _P_

Minutes from the November 2014 Planning Commission (PC) meeting were approved as presented, motion by Wayne, 2nd by Curt, motion carried.

No visitors to address the Planning Commission

Mark Inglett, Sheriff elect, questioned if his membership on the PC would be a conflict of interest, the consensus of the PC is that since the PC membership is appointed, not elected, it would be no conflict.

Brief discussion of the status of the annexation issue, no action taken

Discussed issue with Derek Kasten hauling fill to his property without a soil erosion plan in place and that it is coming from Joe Walter property. Mr. Walter had been to a PC meeting to discuss removing dirt in the back of his house and indicted that he expected to move approximately 400 to 500 yards with his project but he is obviously moving substantially more. He is an agriculturally zone which allows moving up to 5,000 yards. Ordinance 2302 covers what is necessary to protect adjacent properties.

Discussion regarding review for possible adoption into our ordinance the changes that Houston County has made to their ordinance that we are required to follow, the Township can be more restrictive with our ordinance but cannot be less restrictive than the County Ordinance.

Discussion regarding the possibility of proactively rezoning some areas in the Township to residential to encourage residential development in areas where it is appropriate. How do we involve potentially effected land owners? We may want wait and see how the "Urban Development" district that Houston County is developing will affect us when it is completed.

Motion to adjourn by Wayne, 2nd by Curt at 7:15 PM Respectfully submitted

Larry Hafner Zoning Administrator La Crescent Township

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