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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2007

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark J. Newman, Chair

Richard Buell

Jerome Doyle, Vice Chair

Ronald Flowers

Eric Swanson, Secretary

David Gibbs

Barry Pratt, Board of Trustee Representative

Jerald W. Fitch, Building Inspector

Julia A. Morford, Recording Secretary

PRESENT: Swanson, Buell, Flowers, Gibbs, Pratt, Fitch, and Morford

ABSENT: Newman and Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Planning Commission Secretary **ERIC SWANSON** with Roll Call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

FLOWERS requested to add to the Agenda, listed under “New Business”, number 3, *Election of Officers*. **JERRY FITCH**, Building Inspector, stated he had received a call, before the meeting, from **SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** and he would not be in attendance at the present meeting because he had not received any information pertaining to the New Requirements for Sewer and Service Water Runoff from the MDEQ.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: FLOWERS MOVED, seconded by Gibbs to adopt the Agenda with the addition of *Election of Officers*, listed as number 3 under “New Business”, **MOTION CARRIED**.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007: FLOWERS MOVED, seconded by Pratt to postpone the approval of the minutes of November 5, 2007 until the January 2008 Meeting because all of the Planning Commission Members were not present. **MOTION CARRIED**.

IV. 7:05 P.M. OPEN - PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO DEFINE “CONDOMINIUM”, “DUPLEX”, AND “TOWNHOUSE”.

PRATT MOVED, seconded by Flowers to pass the proposed amendment to the Board of Trustees for approval.

DISCUSSION:

- **FITCH** was very pleased with the proposed ordinance.
- **SWANSON** stated that if anyone should request a permit to construct a duplex, the definitions would be clear.
- **PRATT** felt the Planning Commission would have a better handle on exactly what was going to be constructed.
- **GIBBS** wanted to make sure that no one else could call the definitions anything else other than what was in the proposed ordinance.

ACTION OF THE COMMISSION:
MOTION CARRIED.

7:10 P.M. CLOSED – PUBLIC HEARING

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

**1. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (MDEQ)
– New Requirement for Sewer and Service Water Runoff**

FITCH stated the issue of sewer and service water runoff had come up two (2) or three (3) years ago with the Federal Government concerning soil erosion and other issues. **FITCH** wasn't one hundred (100%) percent sure of all of the details but he thought it involved the local municipalities doing a check list of things. The Genesee County Drain Commission (Drain Commission) had come along and stated they (Drain Commission) were already doing the check list so they (Drain Commission) would draw up the paper work. Recently the Federal Government has come back and stated the municipalities were supposed to do the work, not the Drain Commission.

FITCH stated now there had to be ordinances with which the Drain Commission would be involved. The issue not only involved surface water drainage, but also sewers, water and sewer lines, etc. There had previously been a discussion among the Planning Commission as to taking an active roll in soil erosion as far as sites coming before the Planning Commission.

FLOWERS stated issues such as the one dealing with the MDEQ has been one reason there has to be input to the Genesee County Transportation Commission, from all villages, cities, and townships of Genesee County.

FITCH stated when **SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** had more information from the MDEQ, it would be brought back to the Planning Commission.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO POSTPONE THE MDEQ ISSUE TO SUCH A TIME WHEN SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT WOULD HAVE INFORMATION TO BRING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

SWANSON felt Michigan Townships Association and Doug Piggott of Rowe Inc should be contacted to see if they have any information on the issue.

2. Proposed Regular Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2008

SWANSON stated January 14, 2008 and October 13, 2008 had to be changed due to the dates being the same dates as Elections and the Township Office being closed. Those changes being:

- a. January 14, 2008 **changed to** January 7, 2008
- b. October 13, 2008 **changed to** October 6, 2008

BUELL MOVED, seconded by Flowers to approve the 2008 Regular Scheduled Planning Commission Dates with the changes of January 14, 2008 changed to January 7, 2008 and October 13, 2008 changed to October 6, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Election of Officers

FLOWERS MOVED, seconded by Gibbs to postpone the Election of Officers until the January 7, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- **FLOWERS** wanted to know if **SWANSON** would still accept the nomination of Secretary.
- **BUELL** stated if the January meeting was on January 14, 2008, he would not be in attendance. The date was changed to January 7, 2008 due to the Elections, so **BUELL** will be at the January Meeting.
- **SWANSON** will not be in attendance at the Planning Commission Meetings until the April 2008 Meeting Date.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

7:25 P.M. – OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

7:26 P.M. – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

1. A Very *Merry Christmas* was wished for everyone.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE:

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business items on the Agenda, **SWANSON** adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ERIC SWANSON, Acting Chair

JULIA A. MORFORD, Recording Secretary

ERIC SWANSON, Secretary

Date of Approval