

IDA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Members:

Ron Zabawa
Larry Kreps, Jr.
Elmer Bowman
Brad Kamprath
Kevin Miller
Brian Angerer

Others Present:

Laura Kreps, Carlisle/Wortman
Andrea Bibby, Carlisle/Wortman
Karen Lieb, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Present: R. Zabawa, K. Miller, L. Kreps, Jr., B. Kamprath, E. Bowman,
B. Angerer. **Absent:** S. Desbrough

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 9th, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by L. Kreps and supported by B. Kamprath to correct the minutes to reflect the terms of the officers elected shall be for not more than one (1) year instead of two (2) years. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by K. Miller and supported by L. Kreps. All supported. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business

Discussion held regarding the scheduling of Planning Commission workshop sessions in order to review the Zoning Ordinance book. Dates scheduled are as follows: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Subsequent workshops will be scheduled at a later date if needed.

Brief discussion held pursuant to a question by E. Bowman as to the number of workshops that may be necessary so that he can update the township board. R. Zabawa estimated six (6) workshops may be necessary.

Old Business

A. Review Master Plan – Existing Land Use Map

At this time, R. Zabawa introduced the new township planner Andrea Bibby from Carlisle/Wortman & Associates in replacement of B. Powers.

Discussion and reviews held regarding the draft current land use map as well as future land use maps.

Action items:

1. Planners are to review the Land Use Map and make sure updates and corrections noted at the meeting are incorporated.
2. L. Kreps and A. Bibby will check on cost for updating the master plan and what has been charged to date.
3. Procedures for public hearing (if necessary) to update the master plan. Future land use maps will be researched by Carlisle/Wortman for submittal to the Planning Commission.

Introduction to Master Plan dated 8/12/2008 was reviewed by Planning Commission members. Planners Andrea Bibby and Laura Kreps made a presentation about the status of the Master Plan update and the procedures necessary to continue with the update.

Discussion held regarding the Capital Improvement Program that is required by the Planning Enabling Act. The Township Planner will provide a copy of a sample resolution/motion allowing the Township Board to rescind the requirement from the Planning Commission.

B. Blight Ordinance. Discussion held regarding the most recent draft of the Blight Ordinance revision dated December 9, 2008 from Attorney Marty Kamprath. A summary of the revisions are as follows:

1. Enforcement penalties
2. Minor changes in wording and definitions expanded upon.
3. Causes: uses as agricultural, page 2 paragraph 3B, new definition of blight for commercial/agricultural purposes.

Blight Ordinance as presented will be forwarded to the Ida Township Board for review.

Proposed Home Based Business Ordinance distributed by the Planner for review. Proposed ordinance would be treated as a special land use. Current home occupation ordinance would still remain.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by B. Kamprath seconded by E. Bowman. All supported.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen Jo Lieb