

**Ida Township Planning Commission
Monthly Meeting
May 10th, 2011**

Members:

Ron Zabawa, Chairperson
Kevin Miller
Elmer Bowman

Staff:

Laura Kreps, Carlisle Wortman & Associates
Karen Lieb, Recording Secretary
Ron Iott

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ron Zabawa opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Ed Stotz and Brad Stotz.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 12th, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by K. Miller to approve as written supported by E. Bowman. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Off-Highway Vehicle Use Regulations draft ordinance reviewed. L. Kreps stated that Attorney Marty Kamprath has already reviewed and added comments to the draft ordinance. Laura Kreps (CWA) stated that the term “Off highway vehicle” was used as that is what state uses in their ordinance. Lengthy discussion held regarding acreage size, distance from property lines, number of vehicles allowed, mufflers, and enforcement issues. L. Kreps will ask Attorney Marty Kamprath about townships adopting and following state guidelines.
- B. Medical Marijuana draft ordinance. Lengthy discussion held on laws regarding medical marijuana. Supervisor R. Iott to advise Township Board to extend moratorium at next Township Board meeting. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Zoning Ordinance Book Review:

- 1. Pond Ordinance draft (with spoils removal) – draft dated April 11, 2011 was discussed. Specifically the required distance from property lines and the definition of a pond vs. quarry. Safety regulations also discussed.

K. Miller questioned #6: side slopes depth to six feet. L. Kreps to verify that language is taken directly from the current ordinance.

Old Business (cont.)

Discussion held as to when the public hearing will be held on ponds with spoils removal. The status of the moratorium was also questioned. L. Kreps to give draft Pond ordinance to Marty Kamprath for review. Public hearing will depend on attorney completing review.

2. Special Use Approval: No action taken.
3. Site Plan Review – No action taken.
4. Home Based Business draft ordinance. Discussion held regarding accessory buildings, the definitions of home based businesses and home occupations, special use approval requirements and number of vehicles allowed. Enforcement also discussed. No further action taken. K. Miller requested that L. Kreps amend language to clear up any confusion and provide second draft to Commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion held regarding the process of updating of the entire ordinance book. L. Kreps will also provide a table of contents for the layout of the new zoning book for next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by K. Miller supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Jo Lieb
Recording Secretary