

IDA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, September 9th, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Members:

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

Others Present:

Karen Lieb, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

All members present. Chairperson R. Zabawa introduced Brian Angerer as the new Planning Commission member replacing Karen Lieb. R. Zabawa also announced that Karen Lieb is now the Planning Commission Recording Secretary.

Public Comment:

1. Teresa Gregg, Ida resident residing on Northwood, asked a question to the board regarding ordinance enforcement procedures. R. Zabawa responded that the blight ordinance (#11) is not part of the Ida Township Zoning Ordinance. It is being researched by the Planning Commission as a result of a request made by the township board. The Planning Commission will review the blight ordinance and make recommendations to the board. Discussion briefly held regarding state statute and limitations on enforcement and penalties. R. Zabawa also commented that the blight ordinance is currently being researched by township attorney M. Kamprath.
2. Ken Jaworski, Dundee Township resident residing on Ida West Road, asked the board a question regarding a time limit on the motorcross park submitting their revised site plan. R. Zabawa stated that with the new laws, there is currently no stipulations regarding time limits, however, it is being researched by the township attorney.
3. Todd Parkhurst, member of the motorsports LLC questioned the 45 day review requirement in the township ordinance. Discussion held regarding procedures of the zoning ordinance. R. Zabawa also informed Mr. Parkhurst that all future contact, submittals, and correspondence must be processed through Ida Township Planning Commission and not directly from applicant to township planner or engineer.

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Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 12th, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion made by S. Desbrough and supported by E. Bowman. All in support. Motion carried.

New Business:

Blight Ordinance #11 – R. Zabawa asked the Planning Commission members to review a copy of the blight ordinance provided in their packet. The Township Board asked the Planning Commission to review the ordinance as written and specifically look at enforcement and penalties.

Planning Commission member S. Desbrough requested clarification as to why the Planning Commission members are reviewing the blight ordinance. R. Zabawa responded that the Township Board members requested that the planning members give their input as an ordinance review. E. Bowman confirmed that the board asked because of the planning commission's familiarity with township planning. Discussion held regarding blight ordinance #11.

Old Business:

Discussion held regarding the Ida Township Master Plan and the Ida Township Land Use Maps. R. Zabawa asked members to review the land use maps, the new Planning Enabling Act and the updated Zoning Enabling Act. The new Planning Enabling Act requires identification of "future land use." Chairperson R. Zabawa asked the members to research and survey Ida residents and neighborhoods to get their input on future land use ideas. K. Lieb will request additional copies of land use maps from Township Planner.

Discussion held regarding Monroe County's land use plans for Ida and the land areas around expressways.

K. Miller asked about guidelines for reviewing and determining future land use and the time frame for completion.

R. Zabawa discussed the new Planning Enabling Act and the Zoning Enabling Act requirements for a recording secretary and/or zoning administrator. He advised that the township is creating and reviewing a job description for this requirement.

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Other Business: none.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by E. Bowman and seconded by S. Desbrough. All in support. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Jo Lieb
Recording Secretary