

**Ida Township Planning Commission  
Monthly Meeting  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Members:**

Ron Zabawa, Chairperson  
Elmer Bowman  
Kevin Miller  
Scott Desbrough  
Ed Stotz

**Staff:**

Andrea Bibby- Carlisle Wortman Assoc. (CWA)  
Karen Lieb, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ron Zabawa opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All members present except Brad Kamprath.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting were reviewed. K. Miller proposed amendments as follows: “Old Business: B. Master Plan Review (paragraph 3): “Discussion held regarding the recommendation to increase Commercial area at Ida Center Rd. and Lewis Ave. ~~It was the consensus of the board to leave the area as decided on 9/14/201 meeting.~~ No action taken.” Motion made by S. Desbrough to approve the minutes as amended was supported by K. Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Lucas Field asked about his previous request to the Planning Commission to create rules regarding target practice and firearms in the township. Chairperson Ron Zabawa informed Mr. Field that the Commission is waiting on a response from Township Attorney Marty Kamprath and will inform Mr. Field as soon as he has information from the attorney.

**NEW BUSINESS:** S. Desbrough requested the Planning Commission members take into consideration the amount of time and money that is being spent on the Master Plan in comparison to how much is being accomplished. Lengthy discussion held regarding the use of professionals on the Master Plan and Ordinance revisions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Zoning Ordinance Book Review:

1. Pond Ordinance Draft – waiting for township attorney per Ron Zabawa.
2. Special Use Approval: Andrea Bibby of CWA distributed a draft of the Special Use Approval Ordinance to Planning Commission members for their review. Lengthy discussion and working session held reviewing and amending the draft: compatible uses with areas requiring special use approval, application process, fees, zoning administrator duties, time requirements and restrictions, coordination with site plan review.

Action item: Andrea Bibby to research the law regarding change of ownership and special use.

Old Business: cont.

Action item: Planner Andrea Bibby distributed a list of special uses for the Planning Commission members to review for the next meeting.

3. Site Plan Review – No action taken.
  
4. Home Based Business – Motion made by S. Desbrough to remove Home Based Business agenda item from the “tabled” status. Motion died for lack of support. Home Based Business item remains tabled.

B. Master Plan Update:

The draft Master Plan is currently with the Township Board for review. Discussion held regarding the possibility of using electronic transmission (e-mail) as a cost saving measure to inform surrounding municipalities of the master plan update.

Action item: A. Bibby will check to see if Ida Township can inform neighboring townships electronically and get back to K. Lieb.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Miller supported by Ed Stotz. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Jo Lieb  
Recording Secretary