

Hopkins Township Planning Commission  
Scheduled Work Session  
Tuesday, September 25, 2007, p.m.

Present:

Chuck Wamhoff, Bob Hoffmaster, Mark Youtzy, Lori Castello

Present for a moment and submitting information in writing: Lee Murray

Absent: Fred Morely, Tadd Heft

Guests: Mr. John Nowak, Kirk Scharphorn, Jr. of PCI

Due to absence of Secretary Morely, it was decided that Co-chair Bob Hoffmaster would chair the meeting and Castello would perform the duties of secretary.

Business:

Approval of meeting minutes from 8/21/2007

Continuation of discussion of drafted ordinance regarding home occupations.

Questions of how to give existing businesses an opportunity to come into compliance were discussed. Kirk Scharphorn, Jr. noted that in other townships, the planning commission gave a specified amount of time to apply for a reduced fee to encourage compliance. After that time expires, a full fee would be required. The board felt comfortable with the revised edition of the draft ordinance and will notice for a public hearing on the Oct. 23 regular planning commission meeting.

Continuation of discussion of drafted ordinance regarding commercial operations allowed by SUP in AG district:

Planning commission felt that this draft was acceptable and ready for a public hearing. This also will be held at the Oct. 23, 2007 regular meeting.

Guest comment: Mr. Nowak was present to inform the board it is his wish to donate approximately 14 acres to the township for the purpose of creating a park. Current zoning will need to be addressed for this to become a reality. Wamhoff explained to Mr. Nowak that the Township Supervisor is currently working with neighboring municipalities and Allegan county on this matter, but the board thanked him for coming forth regarding the issue.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting date Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Castello