

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes for Regular Meeting of
March 2, 2011

PRESENT Chairperson Carol Kooistra, Tom Thompson, Jan Deur, William Josephson, Steve Nagengast, Brian Lernowich and Susan Hertel.

ALSO PRESENT Zoning Administrator Sandel, Recording Secretary Dion and 1 interested party.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Kooistra called the March 2, 2011 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced David Roesler who has been newly appointed to the Planning Commission.

AGENDA **Motion by Jan Deur, second from Brian Lernowich, *ADOPTED*, to accept the March 2, 2011 meeting agenda as written.**
7 AYES

MINUTES **Motion by Steve Nagengast, second from Susan Hertel, *ADOPTED*, to accept the January 5, 2011 regular meeting minutes as written.**
7 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee Report Willie Josephson
 - **Section 3.23 Non-Conforming Buildings, Structures and Uses** – Commissioner Josephson advised that he met with Planner Tim Johnson, MainStreet Planning, to discuss possible language revisions. He briefly went over the language. Consensus of all Commissioners is not to include a percentage of the current value requirement for rebuild or restore. The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (Commissioner Josephson, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion) will meet to discuss further and provide proposed language when available.
 - **Outdoor Wood-Fired Furnaces** – Commissioner Josephson also discussed this subject with Planner Tim Johnson. According to him there are some federal studies which should be completed soon. Consensus of all Commissioners is to wait on creating an ordinance until the studies are complete. Commissioner Lernowich offered to help with this issue as he owns one of these.
 - **Mechanical Appurtenances** – Commissioner Josephson went over the proposed language. The question of where this language was derived from came up. Zoning Coordinator Dion advised that Laketon Township’s language was used as a basis. Some Commissioners believe this language could be very controversial. The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (Commissioner Josephson, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion) will meet to discuss further and provide proposed language when available.

2. Review of Planning Commission goals for 2010-2011

Most of the 2010-2011 goals were accomplished and the few that were not are still being worked on by the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee. After election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary at the April meeting the new Chairperson may ask for a list of goals to set for 2011-2012.

3. Zoning Map Review

Zoning Administrator Sandel handed out the revised map. He advised that when he received this from Tom VanBruggen from Muskegon County he noticed first thing that the date needs to be changed. He asked that all Commissioners review it and if they find something they believe should be changed to please advise him no later than next Wednesday. He will then request any changes and for maps to be copied for us.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New appointment to the Planning Commission

Chairperson Kooistra advised that the Fruitland Township Board of Trustees has appointed David Roesler, to serve a three (3) year term, and that she and Commissioner Deur have also both been re-appointed, she for three (3) year term and Commissioner Deur for one (1) year term as the Township Board liaison.

2. Appointment of nominating committee member

Chairperson Kooistra asked Commissioner Deur to be the nominating committee member; he agreed and will be contacting all Commissioners soon.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairperson Kooistra talks about meeting dates for the next fiscal year. Clerk Karolyn Rillema provided such meeting schedule which will be passed by resolution at the Township Board level. She then made reference to an article in the Muskegon Chronicle regarding the decision that the Township Board made in not allowing leasing of Township properties for oil well drilling. The article stated that the township should start working on an ordinance because of the number of township residents who have agreed to the leasing of their properties for the oil well drilling. This may not be something that can be controlled by local agencies. The DEQ regulates any activity of this sort. This matter will be more fully researched.

Commissioner Deur comments that another Joint Planning Commission (JPC) alternate will need to replace Sue Hertel. Also, mentioned that the Board had approved the six (6) month Medical Marihuana Moratorium recommended by the Planning Commission.

Sue Hertel received a word of appreciation from all six commission members for the three (3) years she has served on the Planning Commission. This was Sue's final meeting.

PLANNING/ZONING UPDATES

None

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Jan Deur, second from William Josephson,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the March 2, 2011 regular
meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

7 AYES

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Dion, Recording Secretary