

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes for Regular Meeting of**  
**September 7, 2011**

- PRESENT** Chairperson Carol Kooistra, Tom Thompson, Jan Deur, Brian Lernowich and William Josephson.
- NOT PRESENT** Steve Nagengast and Dave Roesler.
- ALSO PRESENT** Zoning Administrator Sandel, Recording Secretary Dion and 0 interested parties.
- CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Kooistra called the September 7, 2011 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- AGENDA** **Motion by Jan Deur, second from Brian Lernowich, *ADOPTED*, to accept the September 7, 2011 meeting agenda as written.**  
*5 AYES 2 ABSENT*
- MINUTES** **Motion by William Josephson, second from Jan Deur, *ADOPTED*, to accept the July 6, 2011 regular meeting as written.**  
*5 AYES 2 ABSENT*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.23 Non-Conforming Buildings, Structures and Uses, B. Expansion and Substitution of Nonconforming Buildings or Structures.  
- Response to FT Board of Trustees decision – What next?

The Fruitland Township Board of Trustee’s decision to not support the proposed language for amendment was discussed with input from all the Planning Commission members in attendance. All the Planning Commission members were disappointed in the decision made by the Trustees. The three board members who supported the motion were thanked. The two Planning Commission members not in attendance at this meeting had given input to Chairperson Kooistra prior to the meeting.

The letter that had been drafted by Chairperson Kooistra and Commissioner and Township Board liaison Deur, was reviewed. This letter had been emailed to all Planning Commission members, except Commissioner Thompson, in advance of the meeting with a request of input, which was received.

After discussing the proper way for the Planning Commission to respond to the Board of Trustee’s action on this matter, it was decided to ask Commissioner Deur to read this letter of response from the entire Planning Commission to the Board of Trustees at their September 19, 2011, official meeting.

**Motion by Tom Thompson, second from William Josephson, *ADOPTED*, to request that Commissioner Deur, as liaison to the Township Board of Trustees, read the response letter to the Township Board of Trustees at their September regular meeting.**

*5 AYES 2 ABSENT*

2. Review of PC Goals and Sub-Committee appointments.

**Study of Gas Exploration Requirements**

Commissioner Lernowich-Chair, Commissioner Josephson, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion

• **Study of Outdoor Wood-Fired Furnaces**

Commissioner Lernowich-Chair, Commissioner Deur, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion

• **Study of Mechanical Appurtenances**

Commissioner Nagengast-Chair, Commissioner Josephson, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion

• **Medical Marihuana**

Commissioner Deur-Chair, Commissioner Lernowich and Commissioner Roesler

• **Low Impact Development**

Commissioner Nagengast-Chair, Commissioner Thompson and Zoning Administrator Sandel

• **Neighborhood Commercial uses; Open Space PUD; Pond Requirements and Digital Signs**

Commissioner Thompson-Chair, Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Dion

Chairperson Kooistra states she would like to see these things wrapped up prior to her last meeting in March 2012.

3. Medical Marihuana Subcommittee Report

Commissioners Deur, Lernowich, Roesler and Chairperson Kooistra met with Attorney Even to discuss Medical Marihuana proposed ordinance language. Attorney Even suggests proceeding slowly and with caution, there is still a lot to come from legislation and court rulings. Consensus of Commissioners is to make motion at the November 2011 Planning Commission meeting to request the Township Board of Trustees extend the current moratorium which ends January 31, 2012.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Zoning Administrator Sandel states he believes we need amendment to the five (5) day appeal rule. Consensus was to have Zoning Administrator Sandel work with Planner Tim Johnson on this topic.

Trustee Deur states that the White Lake Fire Authority has adopted the 2009 International Fire Code without amendment requested to Appendix regarding Private Streets so the current Township Private Street, Design and Construction Standards are still inconsistent.

**PLANNING/ZONING UPDATES - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Jan Deur, second from Brian Lernowich,  
ADOPTED, to adjourn the September 7, 2011 regular  
meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**5 AYES 2 ABSENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Dion, Recording Secretary