

Springfield Township
Planning Commission – Business Meeting
Minutes September 19, 2011

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Commissioner Baker called the September 19, 2011 Business Meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

Dean Baker
Bill Leddy
Ruth Ann Hines
Beverly Shaver
Neil Willson
Roger Lamont

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Collin Walls, Supervisor
Chris Benedict, Assistant-Supervisor's Office

Consultants Present

Brian Oppmann, Planner

Vice-chairperson Commissioner Baker acted as Chairperson.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Willson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Lamont. Voted yes: Leddy, Baker, Shaver, Willson, Hines, Lamont. Voted no: None. Absent: none. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the August 15, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Lamont moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2011 as presented. Supported by Commissioner Shaver. Voted yes: Leddy, Baker, Shaver, Willson, Hines, Lamont. Voted no: None. Absent: none. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing:

- 1. Article XI – O-S – Office Service-discussion regarding adding churches as an allowable use.**

Commissioner Baker opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. There was no public comment. Commissioner Baker closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

2. Zoning Ordinance revision – Definition of family.

Commissioner Baker opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. There was no public comment. Commissioner Baker closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

- 1. Article XI – O-S – Office Service-discussion regarding adding churches as an allowable use.**

Commissioner Hines made a motion to approve the amendment to Article XI – O-S – Office Service adding churches as an allowable use subject to special conditions and to send the amendment to the Township Board for their review. Supported by Commissioner Willson. Voted yes: Leddy, Baker, Shaver, Willson, Hines, Lamont. Voted no: None. Absent: none. Motion Carried.

2. Zoning Ordinance revision – Definition of family.

Commissioner Hines made a motion to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance – Definition of family and to send the amendment to the Township Board for their review. Supported by Commissioner Willson. Voted yes: Leddy, Baker, Shaver, Willson, Hines, Lamont. Voted no: None. Absent: none. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None.

Other Business:

- 1. Planning Conference-Grand Rapids-discussion.**

Supervisor Walls stated that the Township Board had approved the Planning Commissioners attendance at the upcoming Michigan Association of Planning Conference held in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, October 19 through Friday, October 21st at a cost not to exceed \$725.00. Supervisor Walls asked all Commissioners that were interested in attending to contact his office by Friday, September 23rd, 2011 so they could be registered.

- 2. North Boundary-White Lake Township-correspondence.**

Commissioner Baker reviewed a correspondence received August 26, 2011 from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners outlining the White Lake Township Master Plan for Land Use 2010-2011 Draft as it related to the north boundary shared with Springfield Township.

3. Priority Task List.

Commissioners reviewed the priority task list as presented.

Mr. Oppmann stated that he would provide information on the 425 Agreement item for the next meeting.

Supervisor Walls stated that there has been some investigative work done recently on the lumberyard property regarding easements and intended usage for those easements.

Supervisor Walls stated that he arranged an informal and informational meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Carlisle Wortman Associates, Springfield Town Square new property owners and Kroger staff regarding safety issues and concerns that exist in front of the Kroger shopping center. He also stated that he had invited the property owner adjacent and south of the Springfield Town Square property, but he is not able to attend.

Commissioner Hines stated that she is unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting in October.

Commissioner Leddy stated that he wanted to thank John Steckling for his work with the Planning Commission. Commissioner Baker concurred.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Supported by Commissioner Shaver. Voted yes: Leddy, Baker, Hines, Shaver, Willson, Lamont. Voted no: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Erin Mattice, Recording Secretary