

**PLANNING COMMISSION
FINAL
WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA
May 3, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items Not On Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING None

COMMUNICATIONS: 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Natural Areas- Greenway's - Presentations
requested by Oakland County

OTHER BUSINESS: Miscellaneous
1.

NEXT MEETING DATE May 21, 2007 Regular Business Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mission of the Springfield Township Planning Commission is to guide and promote the efficient, coordinated development of the Township in a manner that will best promote the health, safety, and welfare of its people.

**Springfield Township
Planning Commission -- Special Workshop Meeting
Minutes of May 3, 2007**

Call to Order: Chairperson Roger Lamont called the May 3, 2007 Special Workshop Meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350

Attendance:

Commissioners Present

Roger Lamont
John Steckling
Frank Aiello
Ruth Ann Hines

Commissioners Absent

Bill Leddy
Dean Baker

Consultants Present

Sally Elmiger

Staff Present

Leon Genre
Nancy Strole

Other Attendees: Workshop Presenters and Invited Participants

- Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services: Jim Keglovitz; Kristen Wiltfang, Ryan Dividock, Larry Falardeau, Nina Ignaczak
- Springfield Township Parks & Recreation: Jennifer Tucker
- Clinton River Watershed Council: Ted Bolak
- Huron River Watershed Council: Chris Benedict
- Shiawasee River Task Force: Sue Julian
- North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy: Katie Anderson, Joan Harbaugh
- Headwaters Trail, Inc.: Dot LaLone
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Dan Kennedy
- Michigan Natural Features Inventory: Ryan O'Connor
- The Nature Conservancy: Heidi Frei
- Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority: Sue Nyquist
- Oakland County Parks: John Noyes

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Hines suggested adding discussion of the scheduled May 21 Regular Meeting date as an Agenda item. There was unanimous consent to approval the agenda as amended.

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

New Business:

1. May 21 Regular Meeting

Mr. Genre stated that no site plans or other agenda items were currently scheduled for the May 21 Regular Planning Commission meeting.

- ❖ **Moved by Commissioner Steckling, supported by Commissioner Hines to cancel the May 21 Regular Meeting due to lack of business. Yes: Aiello, Hines, Lamont, Steckling. No: none. Absent: Baker and Leddy. The motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.**

2. Green Infrastructure and Greenways Planning

Chairman Lamont introduced the representatives from Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services. Invited participants also introduced themselves, identified their organization affiliation, and briefly explained their interest in the workshop.

Mr. Falardeau made a brief presentation, explaining that Oakland County's Green Infrastructure program is an outgrowth of the Shiawassee and Huron Headwaters Preservation Project, which Springfield Township was instrumental in initiating 10 years ago. Mr. Keglovitz then made a brief presentation describing the Green Infrastructure program, the resources offered by and available to communities like Springfield Township from Oakland County, and how these resources and program could be used to assist the Township in various planning efforts.

Workshop participants and Commissioners then broke up into two groups. Working with detailed maps of the Township and overlays provided by Oakland County, each group roughly marked out key natural areas and potential greenways connections, and other significant sites or features that each group thought should be captured and called out in future Township planning. Following mark-ups, each group presented its proposed natural areas and greenways map of the Township. The maps developed by each group proved to be very similar to one another.

Based on the work of the groups, Mr. Keglovitz explained that Oakland County will develop detailed mapping incorporating the areas, sites and connections roughly identified by the groups. Oakland County will then present these refined maps at a future Planning Commission meeting, for further refinement and use by the Commission in Township planning.

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Chairperson Lamont closed the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Nancy Strole, Acting Recording Secretary