



CASCADE **--- TOWNSHIP ---**

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CASCADE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 16, 2014

Call to order at 7:00PM at the Cascade Town Hall.

Members Present: Commissioners Brown, Frissora, Heathman,
Members Absent: Schaap, Masog

Ex-Officio members present: none

Ex-Officio members absent: Clerk/Treasurer Michael Brown, Roger Ihrke TCPA

Attendees present: Albert (Jim) Evans

1. Announcement & Adjustment of Agenda

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not available for approval.

3. Discussion of Planning Commission Membership

Due to family obligations and pending move out of the township, Commissioner Schaap is unable to attend and will likely be ineligible to continue serving. Mr. Heathman advised that he would ask for this matter to be added for consideration at the next town board meeting. An interested party has been identified as a replacement.

4. Update from Town Board

Mr. Heathman advised the commission on the status of the variance requests by Majestic Meadows. The board approved the open space variance but the variance for the pole shed was withdrawn as it was not required. The pole shed will be allowed as a legal, non-conforming use. Mr. Heathman provided an update on town hall rentals. The use of the township website for collecting citizen input was not adopted pending further discussion. The use of a reporter for documenting public meetings was rejected due to cost. The Wilmar zone change request will be on the agenda for the Planning Commission in October.

6. Unfinished Business

Zoning Ordinance Update:

Ms. Brown reviewed the pending updates for the township zoning ordinance (definitions and alignment with updated Olmsted County ordinance). The commission received an updated document with track change enabled to show the changes required to provide consistency with the county. It was also noted the construction storm water ordinance needs to be drafted and incorporated by reference eventually.

Mr. Frissora moved to adopt the changes to the Cascade Zoning ordinance to incorporate the county updates and definitions. Second by Mr. Heathman

Aye: Brown, Frissora, Heathman

Nay: None

Motion carried

The Planning Commission engaged in a protracted discussion of the vacation rental ordinance proposal.

Mr. Frissora moved that short term rentals be considered an acceptable home based business. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Heathman stated a desire for the board to declare if they wish for this use to be facilitated under an ordinance.

Mr. Heathman moved to table the discussion of the vacation/short term rental ordinance. Second by Mr. Frissora

AYE: Brown, Frissora, Heathman

NAY: None

Motion carried

7. Commission General Discussion

Discussion of the upcoming zone change request for Mathy.

No other discussion items were offered.

Motion by Mr. Heathman to adjourn. Second by Mr. Frissora .

AYE: Brown, Frissora, Heathman

NAY: None

Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM

Submitted: Michael Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



Michael Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



Char Brown, Planning Commission Chair