

West Traverse Township
Regular Planning Commission
April 14, 2010

Chairman Mooradian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kristi Hollingsworth, Nancy Sarowski, Ann Wilderom, Paul Mooradian,
Larry Rychlick, Pete Wallin, Paul Repasky.

Visitors: Alford LaCount, Danna Widmar, Bob Sandford, Randy Frykberg,
Sue Matsko.

Approval of Minutes: **Pete Wallin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2010 with two corrections: Under Discussion of Outdoor Wood burners, line 5, change *section* to *item*; under New Business, line 5, add *vacation* just before rentals. Larry Rychlick seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

New Business:

Discussion on Farmland and Open Space Preservation: Danna Widmar, from HARBOR, INC., presented information regarding the purchase of development rights and the possible concept of transfer of development rights. She gave an overview of the HARBOR, INC. website. It was noted that purchase of development rights is completely voluntary on the part of the property owner. There was discussion as to whether the Township should develop an ordinance for this concept. It was decided that the Planning Commission will review this at the next meeting as well as discuss it during subsequent meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on Outdoor Wood Burners: There was discussion regarding the proposed Outdoor Wood Burners Ordinance. There were changes made as to which zoning districts certain wood burners would be allowed. It was agreed to allow EPA non-qualified wood burning units in the A-1 and A-1-A districts as long as they still meet the other restrictions in the ordinance. There were some suggestions for changes in language. It was agreed to have a Public Hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting in May for the proposed Outdoor Wood Burning Ordinance. This will be held May 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Randy Frykberg presented his written report.

Township Board Representative: Hollingsworth stated that the Township Board approved the budget for 2010-2011. The Township road projects were reviewed.

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Planning Commissioner Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: **Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarowski seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held May 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. along with a Public Hearing.

Submitted by:

Nancy Sarowski, Secretary

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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