

Leighton Township Planning Commission Minutes

Date: April 8, 2009

Members Present: Al Zuidema, Scott Chestnut, Brian Martin, Harry DeHaan, Dave Wright, Ron Schrotenboer,
Louis Murray

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Sisson (Township Planner) and Bob Jones, PCI

Art. 1 Chairman Zuidema called a Regular Meeting of the Leighton Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 pm at the Leighton Township Hall.

Art. 2 Minutes –

Minutes of the March 11, 2009 were approved as presented.

Art. 3 Public Comments – None

Art. 4 Inquiry of Conflict – None

Art. 5 Public Hearing – None

Art. 6 New Business – None

Art. 7 Unfinished Business -

a. Zoning Ordinance – Landscaping, Buffers and Screening

Sisson presented PC with a final draft of the Landscaping, Buffers and Screening Ordinance. Discussion ensued with regard to the points of discussion from last month's PC Meeting.

Consensus of the PC to accept the Landscaping, Buffers and Screening for later action.

b. Zoning Ordinance – Standards Pertaining to all Single Family Homes

Discussion ensued with Sisson regarding the new standards for all Single Family Homes.

Due to a court rulings, mobile homes cannot be discriminated against. Minimum standards must be used for all single family homes, including site built and mobile homes. Sisson to make changes. Tabled for next month.

c. Zoning Ordinance – Overview of PD Provisions

Sisson presented PC with an overview of PD Provisions. Discussion ensued with regard to the intent of PUD which allows development flexibility. The ordinance now has three focuses: General PD, Planned Development and Conservation Subdivisions. The early consensus is that the Planned Lakeside PD area is no longer needed and that the area should be zoned R-2 like the rest of the lake shore. Tabled for later discussion.

Art. 8 Other Business – Parks/Recreation Program

- a.** Dave Wright asked about the progress of Parks/Recreation Program. Brian Martin stated that it had been discussed at last month's Township Board Mtg. The Township is going to send out a survey with the summer taxes.

Art. 9 Public Comment – (comments are welcome from the public and limited to five minutes) None

Art. 10 Commissioners Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Harmon, Recording Secretary

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