

Leighton Township Planning Commission Minutes

Date: December 14, 2011

Members Present: Al Zuidema, Dave Wright, Harry DeHaan, Scott Chestnut, Ron Schrottenboer and Louis Murray

Members Absent: Brian Martin

Others Present: Mark Sisson and Bob Jones

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

Art. 2 Minutes: Minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting were approved.

Art. 3 Public Comments: None

Art. 4 Inquiry of Conflict of Interest: None

**Art. 5 Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map-
Proposed Rural Corridor Overlay**

Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 pm. Mark Sisson re-capped the proposal and asked for questions. Discussion ensued with questions regarding Section 13A.04, Letter f, Number 1 to add “truck” for clarification purposes. Sisson also mentioned that LP storage tank requirements need to be changed from 500 ft to 50 ft per the State’s requirements creating the need for zoning map modifications. Bob Jones noted that he had concerned calls from the public but after explaining the details of the proposal, they understood better and supported the project.

Public Comments opened at 7:54 pm
. No comments from the public.

Public Comments was closed at 7:56

Motion by Schrottenboer, supported by Chestnut to recommend to the Township Board approval of the Rural Corridor Overlay with a couple of minor changes:

1. LP Storage tank requirements changed from 500 ft to 50 ft.
2. Add the word “truck” to Section 13A.04, Letter f, Number 1.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Wright, DeHaan, Chestnut, Murray, Schrotenboer,
Zuidema

Absent: Martin

Nay: None

All Ayes/ Motion Carried

Art. 6 New Business: None

Art. 7 Unfinished Business: None

Art. 8 Other Business: Zuidema inquired about updating the Master Plan. Sisson stated that the community should be notified with regard to updating the plan. The Master Plan could be finalized in approximately 10 months. Also noted was election of officers for the 2012 year to be held at the next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2012. At that time, Shari Harmon would also have the monthly Planning Commission Meetings schedule for 2012. The Planning Commission also discussed changing the starting time of the meetings to 7:00 pm.

Motion by Schrotenboer, supported by DeHaan to change Planning Commission meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

All Ayes/Motion Carried

Art. 9 Public Comment: None

Art. 10 Commissioners Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schrotenboer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kloosterman, Recording Secretary
Leighton Township Planning Commission