

**Leighton Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes**

Date: February 11, 2009

Members Present: Al Zuidema, Scott Chestnut, Brian Martin, Harry DeHaan,  
Ron Schrotenboer

Members Absent: Dave Wright, Louis Murray

Others Present: Mark Sisson (Township Planner) and Kevin DeKam (Township Supervisor)

**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 January 14, 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** –

**a. Budget for Planning Commission**

Mark Sisson presented a draft of the 2009 budget. Discussion ensued with the Planning Commission . Details discussed on budget:

- Cost of finalizing ordinances already in progress
- Update the rest of ordinances to be changed

Motion by Schrotenboer, supported by Chestnut to recommend to the Township Board approval of the Planning Commission Budget.

**All Ayes – Motion Carried**

**Art 7. Unfinished Business** –

**a. Annual Report/Index**

Sisson presented Planning Commission with a copy of the 2008 Annual Report, Chronology and Results of Activities.

Motion by Martin, supported by DeHaan to forward the Annual Report to the Township Board for information purposes.(see attachment)

**All Ayes – Motion Carried**

**b. Parks/Recreation**

Sisson presented a proposed/model work program for Parks & Recreation . Discussion ensued with the Planning Commission. This plan shows the initial steps that should be discussed and followed to set up a Parks and Recreation Program.(see attachment)

Motion by Chestnut, supported by Schrottenboer to recommend to the Township Board to consider development of the Parks and Recreation Plan and to appoint a committee to prepare as well as oversee the plans, consisting of the following representation:

- Members of the Planning Commission
- Township Board Members
- Residents of the Community

**All Ayes – Motion Carried**

**Art. 8 Other Business –**

**a. C1 and C2 Zoning**

Sisson presented a draft of C1 and C2 Zoning dimensional standards(lot sizes, setbacks etc.). Discussion ensued with the direction being given by the Planning Commission. Sisson will make changes discussed and return with a final draft.

**Art. 9 Public Comment** – (comments are welcome from the public and limited to five minutes)

**Art.10 Commissioners Comments** –

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Harmon, Recording Secretary  
Leighton Township Planning Commission