

Leighton Township Planning Commission Minutes

Date: October 13, 2010

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

Members Absent: Scott Chestnut

Others Present: Mark Sisson and Bob Jones, PCI and 3 interested persons

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 September 8, 2010 meeting 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. Paris Ridge Estates – Phase I

Tom Larabel, an engineer from Pathfinder Engineering gave an overview of the map showing the proposed location of the 22 lots by the new Paris Ridge School. The roads are paved and developers are ready to begin Phase I.

Discussion ensued with Planning Commissioners and Mark Sisson regarding the lots, layouts and improvements needed to comply. Streetlights, trees, drainage, wells, septic and sidewalks were discussed.

Discussed at length were sidewalks. Questions with regard to when does the school put in sidewalks, when will sidewalks go in as lots are sold and occupied, which side of the street to do first, how to come up with a plan as houses are built and are there provisions for crosswalks. Also discussed was the length of time requirements for finishing all sidewalks, by the developer. The school needs to be contacted to find out when the school is putting in their sidewalks in front of the school.

Motion by Schrotenboer, supported by Murray to recommend to the Township Board for approval, with the following stipulations and conditions:

See Attachment A.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: DeHaan, Martin, Schrotenboer, Wright, Zuidema
Nay: None
Absent: Chestnut

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Art. 7 Unfinished Business –

- a. Zoning Review tabled for next meeting.

Art. 8 Other Business - None

Art. 9 Public Comment – (Comments are welcome from the public & limited to 5 minutes)-**None**

Art. 10 Commissioners Comments –

- a. Murray asked about a safety issue of fencing by the Paris Ridge Estates lake area.
- b. Five Commissioners attended a training session in Dorr.
- c. Chairman Zuidema will ask the Township Board to have a combined meeting with the Commissioners, regarding Medical Marijuana, on November 10, 2010 at the Leighton Township Library at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. Motion by Schrotenboer, supported by DeHaan.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Harmon, Recording Secretary
Leighton Township Planning Commission