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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010
7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gobbo.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by those present.

ROLL CALL by Secretary Dailey.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Keilen, Terri Shively, Steve Gobbo, Kim Smelker, Dale Dailey, Marsha Zimmerman and Tim Fair.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Max Calder and Jason Flower.

ALSO PRESENT: Township Community Development Director Rich Trent, Recording Secretary Linda Parkinson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Fair moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Keilen moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting as printed. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Ordinance Amendment 60.74 – Medical Marihuana was received by Planning Commission members. Community Development Director Rich Trent advised that as of October 11, 2010 the language for Ordinance Amendment 60.74 has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Comprehensive Development Plan Update.** The first two items were postponed until the December 6, 2010 meeting due to the absence of Township Planner Jim Foulds.

- A. Mixed Land Use Policies
- B. Renewable Energy Policies

- C. Traffic Access Management Study

Trent advised that a steering committee has been appointed for this project. The Committee met for the first time on Thursday, October 28, 2010. Follow up meetings are scheduled with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss the existing 1993 Traffic Access Management Plan. There will also be a review of Zoning Ordinance 60 where it pertains to traffic access management standards.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Proposed Ordinance Amendment 60.75 for the regulation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS).** Adoption of the regulations will amend the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance 60 to provide for the definition of, and the safe and effective, and efficient regulation of small and large wind energy conversion systems. This amendment will amend Chapter XVII "Definitions" and create a new Section 6.6 for Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

Keilen moved to receive Proposed Ordinance Amendment 60.75 (Wind Energy Conversion Systems) and set for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, December 6, 2010. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

- II. Request for Special Use Permit 10-990003 from DeWitt Charter Township** to allow the construction of a public wastewater lift station and appurtenances on vacant property located at 13233 Willow Grove Drive, DeWitt, MI 48820, Lot #1 of Heritage Woods Subdivision, in Section 16 of DeWitt Charter Township.

Smelker moved to receive the Request for Special Use Permit 10-990003 from DeWitt Charter Township and set for a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2010. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

REPORTS:

- I. Trustee:**

In the absence of Trustee Calder, Trent gave a brief report on business conducted and action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings held on October 11, 2010 and October 25, 2010.

- II. Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Gobbo advised that there was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held in the month of October.

III. Committees:

Gobbo commended Commissioner Zimmerman for volunteering to participate on the Corridor Improvement Authority.

Gobbo further commended Dale Dailey for volunteering to serve on the Traffic Access Management Study Steering Committee.

IV. Staff:

Trent introduced Ms. Elizabeth Masserang, Student of Michigan State University, who job shadowed with him on Monday, October 25, 2010.

Trent advised that a Community Department activity report will be sent to Commissioners in the next few days.

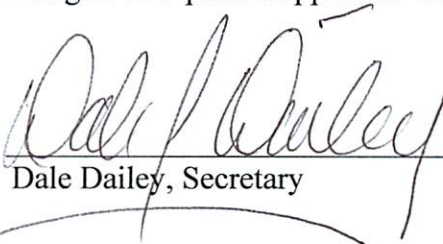
DISCUSSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Keilen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.



Linda K. Parkinson, Recording Secretary



Dale Dailey, Secretary