

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES for
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Chairman Hackley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Clark, Hackley, Krumrie, Marske, Payne, Zarantenello. Absent: Beemer and Bohac. There were no members of the public present.

Election of Officers for 2010-11 Fiscal year

Commissioners who wanted to hold what positions. Marske moved to elect the following slate by acclaim: Chair, Zarantenello; Vice Chair, Payne; Secretary, Hackley. All were elected unanimously.

Hackley passed the gavel to Zarantenello.

Approval of minutes of February 3, 2010 regular meeting.

Moved by Payne, seconded by Krumrie to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Approval of agenda

Moved by Hackley, seconded by Payne to approve as submitted. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Overlay District (memo dated Feb 15, 2010 from Greg Milliken)

Hackley went through the comments in Milliken's memo one by one. All were deemed acceptable except:

Point #3 under Section XX.01, "adding a statement under the Red Arrow Highway intent about discouraging commercial development". The Commissioners felt that that was not their intent. Commercial development along the highway is still welcomed as designated on the zoning map. The intent is simply to make it less dense and set back further than the existing commercial district regulations allow.

The last point in the memo regarding Section XX.07 – Signage. The Commissioners felt that we have a perfectly good sign ordinance. The statement in the proposed ordinance is a suggestion, not a command. It may benefit from some graphic examples as guidelines, but changes to the sign ordinance are not warranted at this time.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the memo from the township attorney, but felt that since we had just received it tonight we had not had enough time to review it. We will do so before the next meeting and complete our discussion at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Sub-committee updates

Hackley brought to the attention of the Commissioners the Code Enforcement Workshop being presented by the Extension Service on May 11. Krumrie, Marske, and Zarantenello would like to attend, and Marske will bring it up at tomorrow's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Hackley brought to the attention of the Commissioners the proposals received by the County Road Commission in response to the RFP on the Red Arrow Corridor Study. The proposals have not yet been reviewed by any of us. Zarantenello agreed to read through them, provide input to the Board, and return them to Bohac.

Krumrie, chair of the Sustainability Subcommittee would like to make a presentation at the next meeting regarding lighting standards. He would also like to hold a public meeting the week of May 10 on the topic of wind power, and wind turbines to gain public input to possible zoning ordinance changes. The Commissioners supported both proposals.

Hackley requested that the Sustainability Subcommittee take up a review of where and under what conditions livestock be allowed in the various zoning districts of the township. Some discussion followed. This was added to the list of topics the subcommittee will consider

Comments from public

There were no comments.

Moved by Payne, seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Tom Hackley
Secretary
April 7, 2010