

**ROSS TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
August 22, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE**

Chairperson Lauderdale called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Ross Township Planning Commission to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. at the Ross Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were:            Jim Lauderdale  
   Robb Blain  
   Russell Fry  
   Jeff Price  
   Jon Scott  
   Sherri Snyder

Absent were:                     Gregg Pierce

Also present were:            Rebecca Harvey, Planning Consultant  
   Bruce Dean, AGS

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Blain, seconded by Fry, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: July 25, 2011**

On a motion by Price, seconded by Fry, the minutes of **07/25/2011** were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS on non-agenda items - None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1) REVISED COMMERCIAL "C-2 DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL OVERLY DISTRICT"

Harvey and Rolfe will continue review process and revision of this section.

### 2) CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

Harvey distributed a revised document *Draft #2 – Revised Per 06.23.11 Attorney Review - Section 11 STANDARDS REQUIRED OF SPECIAL LAND USES, Item 32 - Planned Unit Development*.

There was general discussion regarding the use and appropriate location for PUD's. Following review and discussion among the members, Fry moved to accept the draft as presented. Price seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

### 3) RECREATION PLAN - PC Member input

Lauderdale introduced the document titled "**Recreation Plan PC Member Input/Ideas for PC Meeting 22 August 2011**"

Scott summarized the meeting of the Four-Townships group, which included specific discussion of the "Complete Streets" initiative. The main objectives of the initiative are to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle opportunities, and to control surface water discharges into the lakes.

There was discussion of potential methods to proceed toward development of the plan. Several members identified that a "Brain-Storming" session would seem to be a useful process at this point. Following additional discussion, it was determined that the October meeting would be set for a brain-storming session to identify the deficiencies and weaknesses that should be addressed by the plan.

### 4) ATTORNEY ROLFE PERSPECTIVES/Potential Poultry Ordinance

No information for this meeting.

### 5) REVISION OF MASTER PLAN

Lauderdale indicated that he has received inquiries from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, and from a planner from Kalamazoo County in response to the notice of intent to amend the Master Plan.

There was review and discussion of the document titled **Proposed Ross Township MASTER PLAN CHANGES**. The next meeting (September 26<sup>th</sup>) will include the public hearing on the issues identified in the document.

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Scott gave a general description regarding the request from Gull Lake Ministries (GLM) for abandonment of some portions of public roads within the operating area of GLM. The minutes of the Township Board meeting were distributed with the agenda.

#### REPORT FROM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No meeting in August. There will be a meeting in September, which will have two issues on the agenda.

MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS TIME – no comments

#### ADJOURN

On a motion by Fry, seconded by Price, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Dean, AGS