

Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2010

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
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Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One retired resident in attendance. Board Members present: Dennis Bowdoin, Cindy Dickerson, George Pushies, John Harless, Dennis Sommer, Scott Buell, Londa Horton. 	
Call to Order and Pledge to Flag	Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Minutes from last meeting	Minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting were read. Cindy Dickerson made a motion to accept the minutes, George Pushies second. All in favor, motion passed.	
Call To Public	No response	
Communications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis Bowdoin presented several books for purchase with a range of subjects, e.g. Urban Design, Sustainable Construction Materials, Watersheds, Structural Investigation of Historic Bldg., Concrete solutions. 2. A bulletin on medical marijuana and how it's applicable to this township was provided to Dennis Bowdoin by the ordinance consultants, McKenna Associates. Discussion regarding federal law allows for a written zoning ordinance to disallow medical marijuana growers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that people have applied and been granted permits though the county for growing these plants. The county permits only allow growing of 6 plants. 3. February 18, 2010 at 7pm is the test for Census takers 	
Land Divisions	None	
Old and New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Harless reported on the Right to Farm Act course he attended. GAMPS was updated and it super cedes whatever this Commission does. 2. The Wind Turbine Ordinance was accepted by the Township Board. 3. Dennis Bowdoin and Dennis Sommer were re-appointed as Commissioners. 4. May 8 or May 22 will be determined by Mike Rife, the Township Supervisor, as Junk Day. 5. The Township Board approved John Harless' attendance to the Right to Farm Act course. 6. The Planning and Zoning Essentials Conference is being held 	John Harless will compile a more detailed report on the course, <i>Right to Farm Act</i> .

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Old and New Business (con't)	<p>throughout Feb. and March. Londa Horton and Scott Buell expressed interest in attending the June conference at the Kellogg Center.</p> <p>7. Low Impact Development Ordinance – The Township Board holds a public hearing in March regarding these issues including: water run-offs (herbicides, insecticides), parking lots, storm water conveyance plans, notification of spills, etc. Conway Township is a donor township.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Harless made a motion to take the Low Impact Ordinance like that of Green Oak to the Township Board. Denny Sommer second. All in favor, one abstain, 1 nay, motion passed. 	<p>Dennis Bowdoin to present Green Oak Low Impact Development Ordinance to the Township Board for review.</p>
	<p>8. Cemetery Ordinance – discussion regarding maintenance of five cemeteries including: Miller, Klein, Benjamin and Antrim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations not to include a price for the cost in section 5, “the sum of a fee set by the Township Board,” and to include verbiage for vault or green burial in section 17 • John Harless made a motion to send the Michigan Township Association Cemetery Ordinance to the Township Board for review. Scott Buell second. All in favor, one abstain, motion passed. <p>9. Abandoned Building Ordinance – discussion regarding covering of pools and spas or removal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Sommer made a motion to take the Abandoned Building Ordinance to the Township Board for review. John Harless second. All in favor, one abstain, 1 nay, motion passed. <p>10. Discussion regarding criteria for Home Based Business, e.g. no employees, no traffic to the house, no signs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney, Abby _____, to review. • George Pushies made a motion to ask the Township Board to have Abby look at how we can deal with the Home Based Business that may not require a Special Use Permit. <p>Scott Buell second. All in favor, one abstain, motion passed.</p>	<p>Dennis Bowdoin to present Cemetery Ordinance to the Township Board for review.</p> <p>Dennis Bowdoin to present Abandoned Building Ordinance to the Township Board for review.</p> <p>All Commissioners to review verbiage for Special Use Permits to see if change in verbiage required.</p>
Call to Public	No response.	
General Discussion	None	

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Adjournment	A motion was made by George Pushies to adjourn, Scott Buell second. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Next meeting is: March 8, 2010.	