

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158

Regular Meeting Minutes Approved
September 6, 2007

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Kopka

Members Present: Les Kopka, Jim Samonek, Pete Stumpo, Lyle Widmayer, John Seefeld,
and Deena McIntosh

Absent: George Daubner

Others Present: Paul Siersma (Carlisle/Wortman) and Karl Racenis (Township Webmaster)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by McIntosh and seconded by Samonek to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2, 2007

Motion made by Widmayer and seconded by Stumpo to approve the 08/02/07 minutes as presented.

Voice vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karl Racenis indicated that he had set up a Planning Commission contact sheet on the website that lists phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Racenis indicated that e-mail addresses for Planning Commissioners were set up under the Township website and that mail from those e-mail addresses could be forwarded to another e-mail address. Racenis inquired if any Planning Commissioners were having problems receiving forwarded mail. Racenis indicated that he would be happy to post any additional information on the Township website. Kopka thanked Racenis for all his assistance.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Reports

1. Report of Chairperson:

None.

3. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals:

Kopka indicated that a meeting was held on 08/23/07 to review a setback variance for a garage.

Kopka indicated the variance was approved.

2. Report of Township Board Representative:

Widmayer distributed the minutes from the last Township Board meeting to the Planning Commissioners. Widmayer indicated that he did not attend the last meeting but that he noted the following from the minutes:

- Work continues on the burn permits.
- Work by Washtenaw County Road Commission on the Schleweis Road culvert has been scheduled.
- Joint Planning Commission was approved with the representative from the Township Board - Ron Mann with Sybil Kolon as alternate and representative from the Planning Commission – Deena McIntosh with George Daubner as alternate.

4. Report of Planning Consultant:

Siersma reported on the status of the joint Planning Commission indicating that the Township, the Village, and Bridgewater Township have joined the effort. Siersma indicated that Carlisle/Wortman will meet with the County to plan the next steps for the joint Planning Commission. Siersma indicated that it was disappointing that Freedom and Sharon Townships did not join but he doesn't know of any efforts in the State of three municipalities working together on a master plan. Siersma indicated that the next SWWCOG meeting is scheduled for 09/12/07.

5. Reports of Committees:

a. SWWCOG

McIntosh distributed the minutes from the 08/08/07 SWWCOG meeting. McIntosh noted that the needs of the community were primarily discussed. McIntosh noted that the next meeting will be the SWWCOG agenda for the first ½ hour and then the joint Planning Commission agenda will follow.

6. Correspondence

Kopka advised that the following items had been received:

- Planning and Zoning News
- Growing Smart workshop announcement scheduled for 10/01/07 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Monroe County ISD. McIntosh indicated that she would try to attend.
- Planning Michigan conference announcement
- County non-motorized planning and opportunities letter

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Wireless Washtenaw Placements

Siersma indicated that he has left messages for Bill Lockwood regarding the Wireless Washtenaw placements and has not had a response.

2. Multiple Use Ordinance Language

Siersma indicated that he has met with Jesse O'Jack and Ron Mann regarding the multiple use language. Siersma indicated that the concept behind the language is to allow for multiple uses in existing and new construction spaces to allow for businesses to be located and succeed in the Township. Siersma indicated that the concept affects a number of issues including parking, signs, site plan review, and conditional use ordinances. Siersma indicated that he would like to make it easy for Carl Macomber to process request for multiple uses. Widmayer inquired what the Village uses for multiple use ordinance language. Siersma indicated that he does not believe the Village has a multiple use ordinance but that Bridgewater Township may. Siersma indicated that he will continue to work on the language and look into Bridgewater Township language.

G. NEW BUSINESS

No agenda items were presented under New Business.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION

None.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting – Thursday, 10/04/07 at 8:00 pm. Widmayer advised that he will be unable to attend the next meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Samonek and seconded by Widmayer to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm.
Voice vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Prepared by, Approved by,

Jennifer Crumb, MTPC Recording Secretary George Daubner, MTPC Secretary

Date