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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Present: John Shea, Chair; Ken Tappe, Vice Chair; Mary Adams, Secretary; Molly Wade & Tom Lewis.

Also present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning and Zoning & Pat Kelly, Supervisor

Absent: James Korcek

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Wade, supported by Lewis, to approve agenda as submitted. **Carried 5-0.**

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes - Motion by Tappe, supported by Lewis, to approve the minutes for August 23, 2011, as submitted. **Carried 5-0.**

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Action Items –

1. Public Hearing for North Lake Methodist Church Amended Site Plan –

Shea opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:04 PM.

John Tandy, 7045 Hankerd Rd. Gregory – commented that he was a member of the North Lake Methodist Church and that the church wants to erect a pre-existing steeple in preparation of their one hundred and seventy five year anniversary celebration. He does not believe and/or understand why the Planning Commission needs to be involved in the decision making process because there is no issues with the "Health, Welfare, and Safety" to any of the surrounding residents.

Tandy said that the Township is taking this way over-board and is nit-picking.

Tandy stated, that in 1973, he resided on the Township Board and was part of the decision making process when passing the revisions to the 1973 Zoning Ordinance. He said that he understands the process and stated that the church is only asking for an ornamental adjustment and not a change to the topography.

Shea closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Shea read a letter from Michael A. Bowen, 6977 Westbourne Drive, Chelsea, MI. into the record stating his support for the North Lake Methodist Church amended site plan.

Shea stated that the Planning Commission has not taken any position regarding the “health, welfare & safety” issues that Mr. Tandy referred to.

Shea said that the commissioners recognize and address the zoning aspects of site plan not the good or the bad aspects. He said all the required reports have been received and are on file at the Township Hall for review.

Shea asked if there were any further questions.

No further question and/or discussion.

A motion was made by Tappe, supported by Wade, to approve North Lake Methodist Church Amended Site Plan.

Tappe read the draft resolution #11-PC-142 into the record.

Commissioners discussed.

A minor language amendment was offered and supported.

Motion was Carried 5-0.

V. Township Board Update –

Presently, there is no appointed Township Board representative residing on the Planning Commission. However, Pat Kelly, Supervisor, was in attendance and informed the members that they were still working on appointing a Township Board representative to sit on the Planning Commission.

Additionally, Kelly informed the members that the Trustees canceled the Joint Meeting scheduled for October 11, 2011, and replaced it with a special Township Board meeting. They will interview applicants for the vacant position of Township Trustee and address the board’s appointments to fill the upcoming vacant Trustee positions and other board appointments.

Kelly asked the commissioners if they had any available time during their next meeting date on the 25th of October. If yes, would the commissioners consider having the joint meeting that evening?

Shea said yes, they would consider it.

Kelly said she will have Kim contact all the joint members for their availability to meet on October 25th.

VI. Concerns of Commission Members, Director of Planning and Zoning, Supervisor, and Recording Secretary –

Sloan informed the members that he was still waiting on the revision from Inverness Inn.

VII. Public Comment – None

VIII. Future Agenda Items –

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

1) To Be Determined

IX. Adjournment – Chair Shea declared meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Jordan, Recording Secretary

Mary Adams, Secretary