

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
January 13, 2014

The special joint meeting of the Robinson Township Planning Commission and Robinson Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Planning Commission

Present	Absent
Bill Maschewske	Scott Blackmer
Shawn Martinie	
Tom Tenbroeke	
George Schippers	
Sue DeRuiter	
Travis Vugteveen (payment from Twp. Bd.)	

Township Board

Present	Absent
Tracy Mulligan	Jackie Frye
Bonnie Hayward	
Travis Vugteveen (Planning Commission Representative)	
Bernice Berens	
Chris Saddler (for Jackie Frye)	

Also present was Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck.

The purpose of this joint Planning Commission and Township Board meeting was to interview potential professional planners for the Township. There was a brief discussion regarding impressions from reading the resumes of each of the three scheduled planners.

At 7:30 PM., Mr. Mark Miller of Nederveld was present to discuss both the resources of Nederveld in addition to his qualifications as a planner. Informational materials were distributed and a PowerPoint presentation was made regarding the work Nederveld had done. The team was described as: Richard Pulaski, Mark Miller, Joanne Walter, and Kelly Wolf. The planning process was described and it was roughly estimated to take 6 – 8 months.

At 8:00 PM., Andy Bowman was present representing his planning consulting company. Mr. Bowman did not have a prepared presentation, but instead discussed the planning process and specifically how he would approach updating the Master Land Use Plan for

Robinson Township. Mr. Bowman emphasized that a Master Plan update must be followed by updates to the Zoning Ordinance to enforce the Master Plan. Even though Mr. Bowman's business is basically a one man office, he stated he has contracted resources available to him to help perform some aspects of the Master Land Use Plan update. Mr. Bowman estimated approximately 9 months to complete the update process.

At 8:45 PM., Mr. David Jirousek of LSL Planning was present to discuss the capabilities of LSL Planning. This firm has 10 planners and Mr. Jirousek is a Sr. Planner. This firm does not sub-contract any work and has Mr. Paul LeBlanc is the Planning Manager who also serves as an expert witness. Mr. Jirousek stated that about 25% of their work is Master Plans and 20% Zoning Ordinances. It was anticipated that a draft update to the Master Plan could be completed in 6 months.

Following the last interview, a discussion was held regarding the candidates. It was agreed to request additional information from all three candidates.

A motion was made, supported, and approved to adjourn the joint Planning Commission and Township Board meeting at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission