

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
February 3, 2014

The special meeting of the Robinson Township Planning was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Present	Absent
Bill Maschewske Shawn Martinie Tom Tenbroeke Sue DeRuiter Scott Blackmer Travis Vugteveen George Schippers	None

Also present were Supervisor Tracy Mulligan, Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck, Kurt Koella of Lakeshore Environmental representing Northland Evergreen, Rich Bramer of Northland Evergreen, Tom Peplinski representing D.J McQuestion, Drain Commissioner Joe Bush, and one additional member of the public.

There were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

Non-Commission Inquiries – None

Reports – None

Announcements

Chairperson Martinie circulated a brochure for the upcoming seminar on Hydraulic Fracturing sponsored by Ottawa County. An inquiry was to be made of the Township Board regarding compensation for Planning Commissioners attending.

Old Business

The purpose of this special meeting was to review pending Class B Earth Change applications for completeness only. None of the applications would be reviewed for content at this time.

The first application reviewed was the Northland Evergreen application for a pond located near 120th Ave. and M-45. The application was reviewed compared to the requirements of the Robinson Township Earth Change Ordinance item by item for

completeness. The quality or adequacy of the responses was not evaluated at this time. The following items were noted as deficient:

Article IV, Section 1, C – The included parcel number is incorrect. Additionally, the parcel number where soils are proposed to be deposited needs to be specified.

Article IV, Section 2, D, (1). -- The answer should be “None” as there is no existing earth change on the parcel.

Article IV, Section 2, D, (2) – No acreages are stated as required. The acreages should also include all stockpile locations.

The next application to be reviewed for deficiencies only and not adequacy of responses was the Northland Evergreen Class B Earth Change application for a pond near 128th Ave. and M-45. Once again, the requirements from the Earth Change Ordinance were reviewed individually with the following application deficiencies noted:

Article IV, Section 2, C, (2) -- There is no Attachment 4.B included with the application as referenced. Additionally, the response does not address overburden.

Article IV, Section 2, D, (1) – Since there is currently no active earth change on the site, the answer should be “None”.

Article IV, Section 2, D, (2) -- All deposit sites and the acreages for earth change (both extraction and deposit) need to be identified.

This concluded the review of the Northland Evergreen Earth Change applications.

Next to be reviewed was the 124th Ave. parcel Earth Change request from D. J. McQuestion. The application was reviewed for completeness and not for adequacy of the responses at this time. Deficiencies were identified as follows by review of the requirements in the Earth Change Ordinance:

Article IV, Section 1, D – Response not correct.

Article IV, Section 1, E, (1) – The map needs to include 300 ft. beyond the perimeter of the earth change project and be labeled correctly.

Article IV, Section 1, E, (2) -- The map needs to include 300 ft. beyond the perimeter of the earth change project and be labeled correctly.

Article IV, Section 1, F – The height of the earth change project floor above the high water mark does not comply with statements from MDOT representatives in notes from Tim Bureau of Bureau and Associates.

The email communication from Tim Bureau of Bureau and Associates was discussed regarding Mr. Bureau's recommended elevation of the height of the project floor above the high water mark. According to Mr. Bureau's communication, the MDOT representatives agreed with his recommendation to not excavate within 2 ft. of the high water mark.

Review of the 124th Ave. D.J. McQuestion Earth Change application stopped at this time but was not completed. At the beginning of the meeting, Chairperson Martinie stated the meeting would adjourn no later than 10:00 PM.

A motion was made by George Schippers and seconded by Scott Blackmer to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:05 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission