

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
July 28, 2015

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

Present	Absent
Shawn Martinie	None
George Schippers	
Sue DeRuiter	
Tom TenBroeke	
Travis Vugteveen	
Bill Maschewske	
Rich Sibley	

Also present were Township Attorney Ron Bultje and Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck. There were no members of the public present.

A motion was made by Tom TenBroeke and seconded by Sue DeRuiter to approve the Planning Commission minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Commission Member Inquiries -- None

Reports and Communications

Travis Vugteveen reported the following from the Township Board.

1. A discussion was held with Mr. Green of MDOT regarding traffic signals at M-231 and M-104, Lincoln St. and M-45. Street lights were also reviewed and no additional lights were requested by the Township Board.
2. A motion was made and approved to adopt the M-231 Sub-Area Plan.
3. A motion was approved to send Zoning Administrator Kuck to the MTA conference.

Announcements – None

Old Business -- None

New Business

The inclusion of “Clubs” as a permitted use in the B-2 Zoning District was discussed. The recommendation from Township Attorney Bultje was to only allow “clubs” as a Special Use in the B-2 Zoning District.

Following additional discussion, it was agreed by the consensus of the Planning Commission to move Section 13.2 (D) “Private clubs and lodges” and Section 13.2 (E) “Assembly halls, dance pavilions, or billiard halls” from permitted uses to a special uses and to have Township Attorney Bultje prepare draft zoning text to implement this change. Also discussed were alcohol and traffic issues associated with the above currently permitted uses in the B-2 Zoning District.

The next item of New Business was the review of Draft1 zoning text, dated July 14, 2015, prepared by LSL Planners to implement the M-231 Sub-Area Plan. Numerous issues and concerns were voiced. After discussion, it was agreed to have Travis Vugteveen submit a marked-up copy maintained by Chairperson Martinie to LSL Planning for consideration. It was agreed that David Jirousek of LSL Planning needed to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to review the concepts included in the draft zoning text and that revised text was not requested at this time.

A motion was made by Sue DeRuiter and seconded by George Schippers to pay salaries for the month of July, 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Tom TenBroeke and seconded by Rich Sibley to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 9:27 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission