

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
October 28, 2014

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

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

Also present were Township Attorney Ron Bultje, Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck, and four members of the public.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Scott Blackmer to approve the September 18, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by George Schippers to approve the September 23, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Commission Member Inquiries

Joyce Rein – Inquired if the Planning Commission approved a commercial dog kennel last month.

Planning Commission response – No.

Joyce Rein – Explained to the Planning Commission the procedure she was required by the Township to follow to have an approved commercial dog kennel, which included rezoning to Commercial District under the previous zoning ordinance and using all licensed plumbers, electricians, ... She understands there is another commercial kennel operating in the Township that has not gone through the same or similar process. She wants fairness in the Township.

Bill Maschewske – Explained the previous commercial rezoning that Ms. Rein followed.

Township Attorney Bultje – Recommended Ms. Rein talk with the Zoning Administrator, and if not satisfied with the answer, take the issue to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joanne Rugar –She wants to know why there is so much traffic on Lincoln St. and what is going to happen to the street – will it be improved?

Chairperson Martinie – Stated he does not know the County plans for Lincoln St.

Travis Vugteveen – Stated that traffic counts would probably precede any changes.

Chairperson Martinie – Noted that with the completion of M-231, traffic will increase and be an issue. The Township Board and Planning Commission are both concerned about this also.

Gary Rugar – Noted that he has had difficulty entering Lincoln St. from 120th Ave. because of high traffic.

Reports and Communications

Chairperson Martinie reported the following from the Township Board

1. The Riverside Storage Special Use public hearing was held and both the Special Use and Site Plan were approved.
2. The Bakale Class B Earth Change application was approved.

Announcements – None

Old Business

Detailed review began on the October 13, 2014 Draft 1 of the M-231 Sub-Area Plan. The first area discussed was the map of the M-231 and M-45 area.

Travis Vugteveen—In the Primary Growth Area, the map should reflect the existing Commercial to the east of JF New.

It was agreed that since the review of the M-231 Sub-area plan would be page-by-page and very detailed, the Chairperson would record the changes in a clean copy of the October 13, 2014 Draft 1 Sub-Area Plan. The document would be dated October 28, 2014 and would be used to record and communicate recommended changes to the Planners, LSL, and for future Township review. Therefore, the detailed changes to the plan would not be documented in the minutes as review continued.

At 10:10 PM., review of the M-231 Sub Area Plan concluded. Since much of the document remained to be reviewed in detail, a special Planning Commission meeting was

tentatively scheduled for November 11, 2014 to continue the review of Draft 1 of the Plan.

A motion was made by Sue DeRuiter and seconded by George Schippers to pay Planning Commission salaries and seminar attendance for the months of September and October, 2014 (2 special joint meetings with Township Board, 2 special meetings, and one seminar).

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by George Schippers and seconded by Tom TenBroeke to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:15 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission