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PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Bob Coenen called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. All members were present except for Vicky Van Vonderen and ~~Glen Schwalbach~~ who ^{was} excused. Bob Gerbers and Matt Giese were also in attendance.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2014, MEETING

Clerk Charette read the minutes from the October 7, 2014, meeting.

M/M by Terry Vertz to approve the minutes from October 7, 2014, as presented; seconded by Lee Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Coenen asked the Committee to move item #6 Agricultural Business District Ordinance in front of item #5 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant update.

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS (AB) DISTRICT ORDINANCE DRAFT

The Planning Commission reviewed the revised draft and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Amend 18-01.24 B(1)(e) and B(2)(b) and (d), by adding the words "or horticultural" after the word agriculture and agricultural.;
- 2) Amend 18-01.24 C.(3)(a) to read "Chapter 18-01.09" rather than "Section 18-01.09"
- 3) Amend 18001.24 L(11) to read "The business hours of the operation shall be approved by the Town Board."

M/M by Terry Vertz to forward the revised draft, with the recommendations noted above, to the Town Board; seconded by Randy Hansen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

FEMA FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT RESULTS

Randy Hansen informed the Planning Commission that the Town was not awarded a grant for the requested fire address signs and smoke detectors. Hansen provided a hand out to the Commission regarding FEMA's Fire Protection and Safety Grant Application review. Discussion was had on whether the Town should apply for a new grant for next year. It was recommended that the Town apply for a grant to fund the purchase and installation of 700 fire address signs.

M/M by Lee Anderson to recommend to the Town Board that the Town apply for the Fiscal 2014 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to cover the cost and installation of the fire signs only; seconded by Terry Vertz. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

LOCAL CONTROL OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND FACILITIES

Clerk Charette provided a sample cell tower ordinance and a summary document for the Planning Commission to review prior to the next scheduled meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, December 3, 2014**, and **Wednesday, January 7, 2014** at 7:00 respectively. The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, November 19, 2014**, at 7:00 p.m. for a comprehensive plan meeting.

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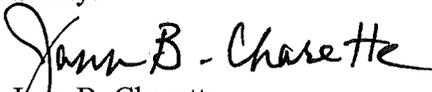
None

ITEMS INTENDED FOR FUTURE MEETING

1. Revision of 18-09.01: Bob Gerbers informed the Planning Commission that there are farm driveways and fields that only have 10-15' culverts. Gerbers believes that the Planning Commission should review the current ordinances and revise them to require that such culverts near a farm field be a minimum of 40'. Current ordinance addresses culvert sizes for residential parcels.
2. Discussion on temporary county zoning due to Hegwood Decision
3. Discussion on setting timeline for public hearing and passage of revised comprehensive plan

M/M by Glen Schwalbach to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sue Zeamer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.


Jann B. Charette
Clerk

Minutes approved ~~as written~~ with corrections (**strike one**) by Bob Coenen, President of the Rockland Planning Commission on January 7, 2015.


Bob Coenen, President, Planning Commission Chairman