

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Carl Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Members Present: Mike Archer, David Herlein, Carl Jacobson, Susan Luplow, Doug Martz, Ken Melville, Mel Rice, and Richard Roth

Members Absent: Matt Potter

Guests: Blong Thao

Staff: Jan Gardner - Township Zoning Administrator

**Minutes:** On a motion by Melville and seconded by Roth the minutes for the December 11, 2012 meeting were accepted. Approved.

**Election of Officers:** On a motion by Rice and seconded by Archer, Carl Jacobson was nominated Chairperson. Approved. A motion was made by Roth seconded by Melville to nominate Rice as vice-chairperson. Approved. Rice made a motion to nominate Herlein as Secretary. This was seconded by Roth. Approved.

**Public Comment:** Blong Thao spoke of his desire to raise chickens in his backyard to produce eggs to be consumed by his family. He lives in a residential area (zoned RS-1) and the Township Zoning Ordinance does not allow raising chickens in this zoning district. The Planning Commission will review ordinances of other municipalities that do allow chickens to be raised in residential areas and discuss further next month.

**New Business**

Resolution to establish regular meeting dates for 2013: The resolution to establish the 2013 meeting dates as the second Tuesday of each month was moved and seconded. By roll call vote it was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing/Text Amendment for Medical Marihuana: Jan Gardner distributed a final draft of the proposed text amendment for medical marihuana (Draft #7 dated January 3, 2013.) There was no public comment on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Roth to recommend to the Township board the adoption of the proposed text amendment.

**Old Business**

Proposed Text Amendment to Sign Regulations: Jan Gardner discussed a document dated December 11, 2012 that described changes that needed to be made to Draft #2 for

electronic message signs. Discussion followed and the Commission agreed to proceed with a public hearing in February 2013.

**Member Comments:** None

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Herlein to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Herlein, Secretary