

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 3, 2011

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Poole on Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township hall.

Members Present: David Herlein, Carl Jacobson, Ken Melville, Robert Poole, Mel Rice, Roy Holton and Richard Roth

Members Absent: Troy Ganton and John Williams.

Guests: Jan Gardner, Township Zoning Administrator, Earlene Greve, Barb DeCan, Donn B. Roberts, Larry Ousley, Jerry White, Jason Crist and Andy Cook.

Minutes – By Common consent the minutes were accepted as written.

New Business/Public Hearing

Application for a Site Plan Review SPR11-1 Spring Arbor University Soccer Field Improvements.

Jan Gardner described the two drawings provided by the University: a drawing of the soccer field with drainage information (survey prepared by Boss Engineering with drainage notes provided by Cripps Fontaine Excavating) and a site plan that included a proposed new building/clubhouse, proposed new bleachers, new sidewalks, new gravel access drive as well as the soccer field (prepared by Roberts & Associates AIA.)

Larry Ousley, Jerry White and Donn Roberts described the project in more detail and responded to questions from the Planning Commission members. It was noted that the site plan drawing did not provide drainage information for the new building, bleachers and sidewalk.

Motion made by Dave Herlein and seconded by Roy Holton to approve only the soccer field portion of the plan, with the condition that the University comply with any recommendations made by the Jackson County Drain Commissioner and the Township engineer (OMM.) Motion Carried.

Larry Ousley stated that a drawing with proposed drainage for the remainder of the site improvements would be forwarded to the Township within the next few days.

Another meeting will be scheduled after the Drain Commissioner and the Township engineer have had an opportunity to review this drawing.

Citizen inquiries – Andy Cook stated an interest in developing a vacant industrial property on King Road. Jan Gardner stated that any purchaser of the property (with a proposed change in use) would be required to present a site plan to the Planning Commission for review.

Old Business

Medical Marijuana – The Township Board has approved a resolution to extend the moratorium to October 11, 2011 and the Planning Commission and Township Board will continue to study the options for implementing the law.

Master Plan - The summary of responses to the Community Planning Survey was briefly discussed. The survey responses will be taken into consideration in establishing long range goals for the Township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Roth
Acting Secretary