

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – FEBRUARY 1, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairperson Lynne Murphy, Planning Commissioners Lee Busse, Robert Ranalla and Sean Stokes. Also, Supervisors Linda Countryman and Jim Doriott, Town Board Liaisons Jim Hiniker and Sheila Marie Untiedt and Planner Dick Thompson.

Since a quorum of the Planning Commission was not present, an official meeting of the Planning Commission could not take place. These notes are intended for informational purposes only.

There was an informal discussion of the first section of the Comprehensive Plan and the following suggested changes were made:

- Vision Statement – Bob Ranalla reported that the website had received 4 to 5 responses and the consensus was that the last sentence of the first paragraph was no longer applicable for our community. Most of our farms are more hobby type farms. Metropolitan Council may not view “farms” as an accurate description of the Township. We should change the last sentence of the first paragraph to read: “Low density residential and various agriculture activities are the primary land uses in the Township.”
- A. Governance –
 1. first paragraph – delete the reference to Lake Elmo and Oak Park Heights on the south as they are no longer applicable.
 2. second paragraph, second sentence start with “Continuing” development pressures...
 3. fourth paragraph , add bullet point “Preserve integrity of Township’s current land, natural resources, amenities and borders.”
 4. add a statement to the effect that we value and protect our unique place in the larger St. Croix Valley and the larger Metropolitan area. We offer a nearby rural atmosphere to the adjacent relative urban area of the City of Stillwater.
 5. third bullet point change “non-bureaucratic” to “approachable”
- 2. Goals and Policies –
 1. third bullet point – change “Be responsive and respectful to citizens.”
 2. fourth bullet point – change “Work” to “Partner with”
 3. fifth bullet point – change to “Preserve and enhance the rural ...”
 4. eighth bullet point – change to “Collaborate with ...”
 5. ninth and last bullet points – delete as these are included with eighth point
- 3. Background Information –
 1. under “Township Authority: third paragraph, first sentence should read “The Township Government is lead by 5 members elected at large [delete “equal status”], and an elected Town Clerk.”
 2. last paragraph, last sentence, change “Peace Officer” to “Chief of Police” and add consultants for recycling and communication.

- 4. Intergovernmental Interaction
 - Land Use Planning and Code Enforcement – change “authority over” to “jurisdiction in”
 - Watershed Districts should be merged by the time the Comprehensive Plan is completed. Revisit this later.r5
 - Annexation –
 - First paragraph, last sentence – change “the next 20 year period” to “through 2015”
 - Second paragraph, last sentence – add “...relation to the Orderly Annexation Area.”
 - Delete the bullet points
 - Other Governmental Units – add National Park Service and Water Management Organizations.

Dick Thompson will send a draft of these changes to Bob Ranalla so he can post them on the website and invite comments.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel
Planning Commission Clerk