

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – APRIL 5, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard Rainer, Planning Commissioners Marilyn Cummings, Lois Cutler, Lynne Murphy and Carole Yoho. Supervisor Linda Countyman, Town Board Liaison Jim Hiniker and Planner Dick Thompson.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Murphy/Yoho moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Murphy/Cutler moved to approve the January 4, 2007 Stillwater Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. NEW BUSINESS – There was none.
4. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Hiniker reported on recent Town Board activities.
5. SOUTH TWIN LAKE/NEAL AVENUE – Planner Dick Thompson gave an update on the request of St. Croix Preparatory School to locate east of South Twin Lake and also an update of the intention of Mr. Orville Johnson to donate land on the west side of Neal Avenue along South Twin Lake.
6. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Dick Thompson mentioned that the web site received an email from a resident in the annexation area who requested that his land and other Township land be protected from being annexed prematurely.

Dick Thompson reviewed the changes to the Comprehensive Plan that had been discussed by the Park Committee at their last meeting.

Section D. Natural Resources was discussed with the following questions and changes being suggested.

- Under 1. Background, change the first sentence to read “The Natural ... streams, woodlands, wetlands and agricultural acreage.”
- We should add a reference to the “valuable cultural and aesthetic resources” in the Township to the Vision Statement and also add a separate section on cultural and historic resources. Lynne Murphy mentioned that there are nine things in the Township that are listed on the National Historic Register. She and Linda Countryman and Marilyn Cummings will work on listing them and getting pictures.
- Add additional bullets under *goals*: Support a variety of local, small scale agricultural endeavors and Protect scenic and natural resources through adoption and implementation of cell tower ordinances and Promote wise use of our Natural Resources in a sustainable way.
- Under *policies*:

1. change first bullet – delete “encourage” and add “where appropriate”
 2. 7th bullet – spell out what AUAR is
 3. add a bullet referencing the horse and manure management issue.
 4. add a reference to light ordinances or a general policy with reference to light, sound, etc.
- Under *Conceptual Greenway Corridor* – The maps available today are much better than those available when the Plan was last done. The Park Committee will re-look at the maps. Some pieces outside of the existing corridor might also be included.
7. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Yoho/Cutler moved to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel
Planning Commission Clerk