

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL – MAY 3, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairperson Richard Rainer, Planning Commissioners Lee Busse, Marilyn Cummings, Lois Cutler, Robert Ranalla, Troy Schifsky, Sean Stokes and Carole Yoho. Also, Supervisor Linda Countryman Town Board Liaisons Jim Hiniker and Sheila Marie Untiedt and Planner Berry Farrington.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Cutler/Cummings moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Stokes/Yoho moved to approve the April 5, 2007 Stillwater Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – The Historic and Cultural Resources section was discussed. The following comments and questions were made:
  - This is a new section. A note should be made to that effect.
  - Definitions should be added for “historic” and “cultural”.

(Lee Busse arrived.)

- Under *policies*:
  1. second bullet should read “Encourage applicants to develop in ways that complement nearby historic and cultural resources.”
  2. third bullet should read “Encourage identification and interpretation of public historical sites.”
  3. under fourth bullet add “where feasible or appropriate”.

(Robert Ranalla arrived.)

- An inventory of historic and cultural sites will be made and perhaps photographed.

The Land Use Section was discussed along with a discussion of the merits of Open Space Development. The following comments and questions were made.

- The definition of “rural” may have to be looked at again.
- The last paragraph on the first page of this section should read “The Township values preserving these features and blending rural homes and small scale agricultural endeavors in with the natural resources.”
- Under *goals*:
  1. Delete the last bullet (housing types)
  2. Add a bullet to encourage protection of historic and cultural resources

- Under *policies*:
  1. Could the second bullet be better worded? Refer to the vision statement.
  2. Change the third bullet to read “Promote agricultural endeavors on the most productive land.
  3. Add a bullet “Provide responsive government and cost efficient rural services.”
  4. Add a bullet: “Encourage application of alternative energy sources.”

The Land Use Map and Land Use Categories were discussed. The discussion at the next meeting will be on Future Land Use.

4. NEW BUSINESS – There was none.
5. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Hiniker and Sheila Marie Untiedt reported on recent Town Board activities.
6. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Cutler/Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting. (8 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel  
Planning Commission Clerk