

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – MAY 7, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marilyn Cummings, Lee Busse, Lynne Murphy, Rick Robbins and Carole Yoho, Town Board Liaison Jim Hiniker and Planner Sherri Buss.

1. KENNEL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Planner Sherri Buss reviewed the issues involved in changing kennel licenses from a CUP to an Interim Use Permit (IUP). This would allow the neighbors to come in and give comment on it. The applicant would need to renew every two years which would allow the Township to remove the permit if there were any problems.

There was discussion as to whether this would be excessively burdensome. The ordinance already has additional restrictions. This is a legitimate sort of rural business.

(Lee Busse arrived.)

If the property changed hands, the use would still be allowed until the expiration date. A CUP is difficult to take away if there are any problems.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was:

- If a kennel operation were doing fine after the first two year period, the next term could be written for a longer period of time at the discretion of the Board.
- The lot size should be changed to 10 acres.
- The set backs should be left as the current ordinance allows.

The planner will write up a draft ordinance for review at the next meeting.

2. AGENDA – M/S/P Murphy/Busse moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)

3. MINUTES – M/S/P Robbins/Yoho moved to approve the February 5, 2009 Stillwater Township Planning Commission Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)

4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – Our Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the Metropolitan Council who thought it was a good plan. The Board can approve the plan and it will then be the plan in place. We can then get the second half of our grant.

The items to be implemented were discussed:

- Greenway Corridors: Zoning/Subdivision Ordinance – This can be done fairly easily and should be done first.
- Aggregate Mining regulations – This will be rather involved and should be done second. We should look at an overlay of maps to see what is shoreland and what

is left to be available for mining. The County ordinance and other communities' ordinances should be looked at.

- Park and Trails Projects – This will be referred to the Park Committee.

5. NEWSPAPER COLUMN – The Town Board will rotate responsibility for writing a column for the St. Croix Valley Press. Suggested subjects were the website and our new farmers' market.

6. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Lee Busse had received an email from John Schultz, U-reka Broadband Ventures, regarding broadband in our community. Mr. Schultz will be invited to the next Town Board meeting.

The next newsletter will be out soon.

7. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Hiniker reported on recent Town Board activities.

8. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Busse/Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel
Planning Commission Clerk