

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – JUNE 4, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairperson Lois Cutler, Planning Commissioners Lee Busse, Marilyn Cummings, Lynne Murphy, Rick Robbins, Troy Schifsky and Carole Yoho. Also, Planner Sherri Buss, Supervisor Matt Beane and Town Board Liaison Jim Hiniker.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Murphy/Yoho moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Murphy/Cummings moved to approve the May 7, 2009 Stillwater Township Planning Commission meeting minutes as written. (6 ayes)
3. GREENWAY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – This ordinance amendment is needed to bring the ordinance in agreement with the Comprehensive Plan.

Under **SECTION 2.(13)** The sentence “A written statement indicating how these natural features shall be protected” seems vague. Sherri Buss reviewed the type of issues that may be involved. It is not intended to prevent development. It does not change the zoning.

(Lee Busse arrived.)

There was discussion as to how the Greenway Corridor was developed.

The Planner should check the numbering for item (13).

M/S/P Yoho/Murphy moved that we accept the Ordinance Amending the Stillwater Township Subdivision Ordinance to Protect Greenway Corridors as proposed. (7 ayes)

4. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS – TKDA’s memorandum dated May 28, 2009 was reviewed. Sherri Buss had an additional suggestion of a tour of the Schottler farm sponsored by the St. Croix County Extension Office.

The commission offered other suggestions:

- ? Look at the trail system for interconnections. This can be done in connection with item e). The Park Committee can also be invited to this discussion.
- ? What are the implications of the poor economy? When will we see some development returning?
- ? Meetings can be cancelled to save Township money.

The consensus was to work on items a),e) and g) from TKDA’s memorandum.

5. AGGREGATE MINING ORDINANCE – Metropolitan Council has required a map identifying aggregate resources in our new Comprehensive Plan. There is a concern that aggregate resources are being depleted. The Township currently has no ordinance

regulating mining at this time. We follow the County ordinance. Does the Board feel we should pursue an ordinance of our own? This is very technical and requires expertise and it might be appropriate to simply adopt the County ordinance. Someone from the County will be invited to talk to us and see what other townships are doing. We should also hear from a mining operation professional. Sherri Buss will send the Planning Commission copies of the County ordinance and arrange for a speaker at the August meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING – The July meeting, scheduled for July 2nd, will be cancelled due to the Fourth of July holiday.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

- ? The public hearing for organized hauling will be at the June 11 Town Board meeting. Notification has gone to the haulers. Jim Hiniker reviewed the process.
- ? Lee Busse has received calls complaining about the sand pile at the development at Hwy 96 and Manning Avenue. There is also construction garbage that blows around. Sherri Buss will check with Bill Turnblad with the City of Stillwater.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Busse/Schifsky moved to adjourn the meeting. (7 ayes)

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

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel
Planning Commission Clerk