

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL – AUGUST 2, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Ranalla, Planning Commissioners Lee Busse, Merilyn Cummings, Lynne Murphy and Carole Yoho. Also, Supervisor Linda Countryman, Town Board Liaison Jim Hiniker and Planner Dick Thompson.

1. WEBSITE – Webmaster Robert Ranalla distributed a report on web responses to the Comprehensive Plan which was discussed. There was also discussion of how to include further public input into the process. There will be a public hearing once a draft of the Plan is completed and an “open house” is also a possibility where the public can discuss the plan with Planning Commissioners and the Town Board.

(Lynne Murphy arrived.)

2. AGENDA – M/S/P Cummings/Yoho moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)

3. MINUTES – M/S/P Yoho/Murphy moved to approve the June 7, 2007 Stillwater Township Planning Commission meeting minutes as amended. [The list of cultural resources inventory should be corrected to the Henry Stussi home, and the LeBerge house was designed and built by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.] (5 ayes)

4. PLANNING GRANT – Planner Dick Thompson reported that Stillwater Township is eligible for a \$15,000 grant. The application has been sent in and we should hear shortly whether we receive it.

5. WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND AND WATER LEGACY PROGRAM – Two Stillwater Township residents have applied to this program. They are:

1. Barbara Medinger’s property includes the old stone bridge which is falling into disrepair. The area also includes rare biota. Her parcel may be included as part of the Zephyr Trail.
2. Bill McDonald has 120 acres which includes an historic 1890 race track.

6. LEGACY PROGRAM – Dick Thompson distributed the Project Evaluation Criteria for the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program. The County has resources available to assist in implementing the Township’s Greenway Corridor. There was discussion as to whether the Greenway areas shown on the Comprehensive Plan map should be further refined. Dick Thompson will provide maps showing biological, historical, cultural and other assets. He will also identify where the best agricultural soils are and what land is actually being farmed.

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – The changes made to the Historic and Cultural Resources Section were reviewed. The inventory on page 35 will include pictures of the sites along with a brief write-up and a map showing their location. The Land Use Section

was also distributed with the appropriate changes having been made. At the next meeting there will be a discussion of the greenway corridor and the Transportation Section will begin. Dick Thompson will bring together everything that was been done so far.

8. NEW BUSINESS – Dick Thompson reported that the County is considering doing away with minor subdivisions. Everything would be platted.

9. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Hiniker and Linda Countryman reported on recent Town Board activities.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel  
Planning Commission Clerk