

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

PRESENT: Chairperson Lee Busse, Planning Commissioners Marilyn Cummings, Lois Cutler, Lynne Murphy and Sean Stokes. Also, Supervisors Linda Countryman and Jim Doriott, Town Board Liaisons Jim Hiniker and Sheila Marie Untiedt and Planner Dick Thompson and Landscape Architect Sherri Buss.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Murphy/Cummings moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Murphy/Stokes moved to approve the 8/2/07 Stillwater Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. GREENWAY CORRIDOR – Planner Dick Thompson introduced Sherri Buss, ecologist and landscape architect with TKDA. She reviewed the existing greenway corridor identified in our Comprehensive Plan and identified the remaining good quality undeveloped areas in the Township. One issue is how to maintain the health and diversity of these areas. The Planning Commissioners may be aware of other areas that have not been identified by DNR. Another issue is what would be the development considerations for the corridor areas. There was a discussion of tools that can be used to protect these areas using both incentives (carrots) and regulations (sticks).  
  
Options are to keep the corridor map or not, to make adjustments, and to set goals and suggest a set of tools to encourage or require protection. The consensus was to keep the greenway identified in the plan with some updating and to tighten up the vague language in the plan. Developers in these areas should identify proposals as to how they plan to protect these areas. The consensus was also to rely more on “carrots” than on “sticks”. The corridor should also incorporate the Township historic sites. The Park Board will also look at the map for their input.
4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – The changes that have been made to date were reviewed. We are waiting for data on the Transportation Section.

The following changes were suggested:

- On the Land Use map – add definitions of the various land uses, look at what areas have been annexed, check the barns on Arcola, note that the Stussi house has a barn.
- Page 6 – change first paragraph to reflect that there are now only two Watershed Districts.
- Page 10 – fourth line, change “maybe” to “may be”
- Page 22 – change “Tonship was” to “Township were”
- Page 36 – change “Steussy” to “Stussi”
- Page 13 – third to the last line – delete “new”. Also Under *Scenic Roads* check if Highway 96 or any other roads are so designated.

- Page 46 – last line, second paragraph, change “though” to “through”
5. NEW BUSINESS – The Planning Commission will meet at the Town Hall and then tour the Bill McDonald property before the next regular meeting (at 6:00 p.m., October 4). The Park Committee and the Town Board will also be invited. Marilyn Cummings will check with Bill McDonald for permission.
  6. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Hiniker and Sheila Marie Untiedt reported on recent Town Board activities.
  7. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel  
Planning Commission Clerk