

# MARKEY TOWNSHIP

## PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

February 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Burge at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present were Tom Burge, Stan Gardner, Hal Hackett, Joe Devins, Ron Duquette, Tim Grahl, Recording Secretary Mary Kelly. Joe VanOstenbridge was absent.

Ron Duquette made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Hal Hackett; motion carried.

A motion was made by Stan Gardner to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2010. The motion was seconded by Tim Grahl; motion carried.

Correspondence: Tom Burge read a memo from the Land Use Administrator regarding off-street parking (15.02) and a letter from Ken Stephens regarding the ticket he received from parking his semi-tractor at his home. After a discussion, Tim Grahl made a motion to eliminate from 15.02, section a, part 9 which reads: **Parking of semi-trucks, including the tractor and trailers, and commercial vehicles exceeding a one (1) ton load capacity shall be prohibited in all residential zones.** Stan Gardner seconded the motion; motion carried. Tom Burge will advise Ken Stevens of the Planning Commission review and also write up and publish the public notice accordingly.

Old Business: Approval of calendar – already completed.

2010/11 Budget – The budget will be similar to last year's with the increase in meetings due to more members in the Planning Commission. Tom Burge also informed the members that each member is expected to attend educational seminars. This is a requirement in Public Act 33 which states that each member have 16 hours of educational training each year. The members would like a list of acceptable seminars; Tom Burge will request such a list from the Township Board.

Change Ordinance on date and time of meetings – no action required as further review of the ordinance does not contain such a requirement.

Capitol improvements for the next six (6) years as required in Public Act 33. Items for consideration are: bike trail around the lake, new township hall with a community hall, cover over the ice rink, new township sign, public lake access, more attention to illegally built buildings, improvements to park and ice rink to use for events such a car shows, etc.

Code of Conduct – tabled for review in the March meeting, giving members time to review as stated in the Enabling Act 2006, modified in 2009. Mary Kelly to forward the information.

Roadside Stands – There is confusion as to whether or not this was presented to the County for approval since our Public Hearing on August 18, 2009. Tim Grahl will contact the County for verification and advise members of his findings. If not, each member is to write up his idea on the issue and present at the March meeting.

New Business: Greenhouses and nurseries were discussed. Tom Burge will write up and email a revision to the members. It will be revisited at the March meeting.

No Public Meeting is scheduled at this time.\*

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 pm.

Hal Hackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Stan Gardner; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Kelly*

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Recording Secretary

\*Chairman requested clarification that no Public Meeting is currently scheduled.  
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