

Homestead and Inland Townships
Joint Planning Committee Workshop
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway Honor, MI 49640
December 18, 2007 at 7:00P.M.

Members Present: Fred Poynor, Blake Brooks, Jessica Wooten, Amanda Deemer, Bruce Andersen, Mary Miller, Christy Andersen, Roger Hubbell and Zelda Gray

Absent: none

Others present: Cathy Demitroff, Roger Williams, Kathy Ralston, Dan Moore, Marilyn Wareham, Paul Beechraft, and Jerry Bush.

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

All parties present participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Mary Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20th meeting as presented. Christy Andersen supported the motion. All Ayes Motion carried.

Bruce Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Mary Miller supported the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Bruce Andersen made a motion to pay the Williams Consulting invoice for \$780.00. Christy Andersen supported the motion. All Ayes Motion carried.

Zelda Gray reported that Jessica Wooten has been reappointed to the JPC for a 3 year term ending on December 31, 2010. Ms. Gray introduced Dan Moore who will be joining the JPC in January. The Homestead Township Board approved the By-Laws recommended by the JPC.

Mary Miller reported that the Inland approved the By-Laws with one typo correction. She also reported on attending the county ZORC meeting on December 12th. Bruce Andersen was reappointed to a 3 year term ending December 31, 2010. Amanda Deemer has completed her term and will sadly be leaving the Commission due to personal reasons. Thank you Amanda for all the time and effort you have put in. Our hats off to you for a job very well done. You will be missed.

Mr. Brooks turned the floor over to Roger Williams. Mr. Williams reviewed articles IV

and V with the Commission. Various adjustments, corrections and additions were made. Mr. Williams will make all changes and do a mailing to the full Commission before the next meeting.

Government districts were discussed. Mr. Williams suggested not having a separate district for this purpose. The land can be zoned as any other land to take precedence if the land should ever become private property.

A poll was taken by Mr. Brooks on whether to move number 2) Sawmills and wood processing facilities and sales, from section 5.04, uses permitted subject to special use approval to section 5.03 uses permitted with site plan approval. Poll was 7 to move 2 to stay. Section 5.04 number 2 was moved to section 5.03.

A poll was taken by Mr. Brooks on whether to move number 3) Kennels, veterinary clinics and animal hospitals. From section 5.04 uses permitted subject to special use approval to section 5.03 uses permitted with site plan approval. Poll was 8 move 1 stay. Section 5.04 number 3 was moved to section 5.03.

There was a discussion on water setbacks. Christy Andersen reported speaking with Robyn Schmidt with the DEQ. Ms. Schmidt indicated there are no lakes or streams in Homestead and Inland Townships that have established high water marks. The Commission voiced concerns about place verbiage in the ordinance that could cause unnecessary cost to citizens. The Commission felt that edge of water body, shoreline, top of bank and vegetation line should be included as the verbiage.

The Turtle Lake Overlay District will be discussed at another meeting.

Mary Miller spoke about the county rewrite of the G-District zoning. Mary was told at the ZORC meeting that Inland and Homestead both have land that is included in this district. The G-district and article 3.28 are going away pre the ZORC meeting. Cathy was told at the Planning Commission meeting on December 13th that Mr. Seger did not present the changes for the G-district to Homestead because it does not affect land in Homestead.

The Commission addressed Marilyn Wareham's questions on the budget. They informed her the JPC does not have a line item budget. She indicated that was all she needed to know.

Bruce Andersen made a motion to pay Amanda Deemer for her pre diem. Mary Miller supported the motion. All Ayes Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jerry Bush the opinion that the commission may want to consider listing numbers of animals that may be placed on specific sized property as one acre.

Kathy Ralston inquired what was going to be covered at the special meeting on January 16th. Mr. Brooks informed her it would be for election of officers, setting meeting dates for the year and reviewing the comments that have been received from government entities.

Sadly Mr. Brooks read a letter of resignation from the JPC itself. He regrets not being able to complete his term but listed many personal accomplishments and goals that make it impossible for him to continue. The Commission would like to commend him for the job he had done for the passed two years and wish him the best in his endeavors. You will be very difficult shoes to fill Mr. Brooks. The Commission you could stay but understand your position. You will be greatly missed.

The next regular meeting will be in Inland Township Hall on January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM. This will also be the organizational meeting for election of officers and setting meeting dates for the coming year.

A special will be held at Inland Township Hall on January 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM. This special meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing the government comments received.

Mary Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger Hubbell supported the motion. All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Submitted by

Cathy Demitroff