

Springfield Plan Commission Meeting
Springfield Town Hall
Monday, April 7, 2014

Call to order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Karen Crook. **Motion (Pulvermacher/Resan) to appoint Karen Crook as acting Chair for this meeting. Motion carried, 4-0 with 1 abstained.** Present were Jim Pulvermacher, Steve Resan, Scott Laufenberg and Elliott Long and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Barman. Jeff Endres excused absence. Also present: Sherman Raschein. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Deputy Clerk Barman reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, and Schneider Road Business Center on Schneider Rd and website and the meeting is being recorded.

Minutes for March 3, 2014

Motion (Pulvermacher/Long) to approve the March 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Public Comment Time: None

RAMO LLC Sherman Raschein, agent, 6081 Darlin Dr, Sec 9 possible variance for signage. Sherman informed the Plan Commission that they would like to leave the sign as is (prior business' sign). Discussion followed. Karen didn't know if she would like to see a bunch of signs along the roadway, reminds her of the Dells. The sign is 8' X 16' x 11' high. Scott would like to see it 100 sq ft or less, as do the other commissioners. They would like to eventually have an illuminated sign when the other units are constructed as there would be power closer. **Motion (Resan/Laufenberg) for the sign to remain in place for now but when lighting it, they will have to reduce the size to 100 sq ft or less. Pulvermacher then made a friendly amendment which was accepted by Resan/Laufenberg, that it will need to be reviewed by the Plan Commission and our town engineer when lighting the sign. Motion carried, 3 -1 with 1 abstained.**

Recommend Chair and Vice-Chair for the Plan Commission to the Town Board. Jan reported that Jeff asked that this item be tabled until our next meeting. Motion (Long/Pulvermacher) to table until next meeting. **Motion carried, 5 – 0. We are still looking for a plan commission member.**

Ordinance to Regulate Blasting and Mineral Extraction within the Town of Springfield – Jim gave a brief update on this ordinance, the towns vetoed this ordinance but the County will be bringing it back with some changes. Asked County to form a committee to create an ordinance for all the towns to be consistent with each other on blasting. If there is a DOT project and they can only operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday all road projects will stop. Needs to be realistic and have legal limits. **Motion (Laufenberg/Pulvermacher) to table and put on future agendas as updates are available. Motion carried, 5 – 0.**

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design Grant – Elliott spoke on behalf of the group and the Grant money that is available. Elliott is willing to do the paperwork to apply for this grant. The money is provided by the Orton family (Orton Group Foundation) for smart planning for rural areas, wetlands, ag land, etc.

The grant is for \$7000 and the Town would have to match that with \$7,000. They would study our neighborhood(s), maintain a rural atmosphere and ag base presentation. Professional advice for free. Pulvermacher asked what string is attached, advisory only or do we have to do what they provide? Elliott will check on this.

The Orton Group will use their grant money for organizing meetings, renting meeting space, airfare and printing costs. We need to learn better ways to protect our environment per Elliott. They will hold a two day workshop at some point when all the information is gathered. This information could be used as a comprehensive tool. Ask Mark Roffers to review and his opinion before applying.

Motion (Pulvermacher/Resan) to present to the Town Board and confer with Mark Roffers and to be placed on the next Town Board meeting, April 14, 2014. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Communications/Announcements

Steve shared with us his health issues and we will helping him out with transportation to and from the meetings, until his health improves to allow him to drive again.

Jan mentioned that when attending meetings outside of the Town Hall, all must be careful not to say you are representing the Town of Springfield unless you are asked to attend the meeting on behalf of the town. There is a fine line on this as some people misunderstand when/if you say you are on the Town of Springfield's Plan Commission, it sounds like you are representing the town, be sure to say you are there for your personal interest.

Adjourn

Motion (Pulvermacher/Long) to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Jan Barman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer