

February 8, 2010

Richfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

Members present:

Tula Alexander  
Janet Becker  
Ron Hargrove  
Bob Irwin

Absent:  
Brian Harder  
Steve Hall  
Jim Valleau

Guest: Dennis Shunk

Called to order 7:00 p.m.

Pledge

Motion to accept minutes from January 11, 2009 meeting made by Ron Hargrove, Second by Bob Irwin excepted by all.

Tula presented a letter that she received from Richfield Township attorney Mr. Brabant concerning the Medical Marijuana Act. It was accepted by all and a discussion was had. Dennis also brought up that the statement that Brabant had suggested in his correspondence "Use for enterprises or purposes that are contrary to federal, state, or local laws or ordinances are prohibited", can be added as an amendment onto other township zoning ordinances. Motion to approve by Bob Irwin Second by Ron Hargrove.

We are going to begin reviewing on the 20 yr. Twp. Master Plan. Tula is getting copies of the last five years minutes is see where zoning changes have been addressed in past by planning commission boards. Janet will look over the past notes and bring the commission up to speed on the past notes. Then we will go forward from there. There was a discussion about improvements in the downtown. Discussion of Downtown Development was had also.

Tula brought in a newspaper article about anti blight regarding bank owned property and some communities requiring same to be registered with twp. A discussion was had of pros and cons of this type ordinance. Dennis explained how home, (property) repo's are addressed in our area related to blight. The cost of issuing blight citations and having the twp. attorney represent the twp. if challenged in court can be very costly to the twp.

Motion to adjourn meeting Bob Irwin Second by Janet Becker  
Meeting dismissed at 7:35 PM

Respectfully  
Janet Becker