

August 9, 2010

Richfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

Members present:

Tula Alexander Jimmy VanWormer  
Janet Becker  
Ron Hargrove  
Bob Irwin  
Jim Valleau

Absent:

Brian Harder

Guest:

Called to order 7:30 p.m.

Pledge

Motion to accept minutes from July 12, 2009 meeting made by Jim Valleau, Second by Ron Hargrove excepted by all.

Bob Irwin has submitted his resignation due to health reasons. Accepted by all, but we are very grateful for the service that Mr. Irwin has given over the past year and a half.

We addressed the "Richfield Township Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway 5 Year Plan" and the new recreational project that will be located off Airport Road. As presented in the Master Plan for Richfield Township 2002-2022 **Section 2.3 Future Land Use Plans**; improvements on existing township lands to encourage recreation for the families and visitors, also in **Section 4.0 Natural Resources Assessment** states:" Thus, when preparing a Future Land Use Plan, it is important to examine the natural environment in order to determine where development is best suited, and where it should be discouraged." Also in Section 4.0 it states "The goal is to identify land that should be preserved in its natural state and is most suitable for conservation, open space or recreations purposed." **7.8 Park and Recreation Goal and Objectives:** " Goal: Preserve the natural resources of Richfield Township and provide for the recreation needs of all Township residents and tourists." As stated in **Section 8.4 Plan Recommendations; Number 9** "However, it is recommended that the Township improve upon its existing recreational facilities and possible expand to create even more opportunities for its citizens." That is why the plan for the fishing pier and park is very valuable to the betterment of Richfield Township, St. Helen This is a topic that we have visited on several meetings. Encouraged that we will be able to improve family orientated environments for citizens and visitors.

Discussion was had about the State putting in "Rock Crawl Development at St. Helen Motorsport Area" for the public.

There is to be a change in the Planning Commission time to start meetings to 7:30 on the Second Monday of the month. As of November 2010 we will be moving to the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

It was suggested that Joan Becker take the place of Bob Irwin. It will be brought up at the township work session August 10, 2010. Motion made by Bob Irwin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tula Alexander approved by all

Motion to adjourn meeting Bob Irwin Second By Jim Valleau  
Meeting dismissed at 8:05 PM

Respectfully  
Janet Becker