

Milton Township  
Planning Commission  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2006

Members present: Vice chair McKimmy (acting as chair in Stilson's planned absence), Cole, David, Geddes, Merillat.

Members absent: Lein and Stilson.

Also present: Weinzapfel and five audience members.  
Julie Baker, Mike Moyer, Keith Termant, Larry Smith, Keith Clark.

McKimmy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
McKimmy discussed the agenda with the audience since no printed agenda was available.

Approval of minutes dated May 9, 2006.  
Pg 2, change to 4/2/06; Pg 1, change their to thirty; Pg 1, change trees to tree.

**Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

Subcommittee Report: 25 Foot Protection Strip

Dauids presented a report dated May 16, 2006. The outcome of the meeting is that the subcommittee has agreed not to allow residents to go beyond the 12 foot width, but that section 117.212 be amended. Geddes asked regarding the provision for the size of the deck. He feels it may be too restrictive. Cole said there are no restrictions on a deck beyond the normal front yard setback, just within the protection strip. Weinzapfel gave some history regarding the issue of decks at the water's edge. The subcommittee is ready to give this as a recommendation to the committee doing the ordinance review.

**Motion by Cole** to accept the subcommittee recommendation and forward it to the subcommittee working on ordinance revision. **Seconded by Davids. Motion carried.**

Subcommittee Report: Zoning Ordinance Review and Master Plan Revision dated 6.8.06.

Geddes gave the report. He read from the report. The subcommittee will meet less frequently from June through August. By the next Planning Commission meeting, the subcommittee would like to have a refined list of open issues and request direction from the board regarding these issues. McKimmy said the initial date for step 7, to seek citizen input, was scheduled for June 3. The sub has more work that needs to be done before that can happen.

McKimmy discussed making the ordinance more user-friendly, this is why the sub is going back to the proposed 2000 ordinance revision as a starting point. Weinzapfel said it is possible to bring in a planner at the point at which new ground needs to be covered.

Keith Termaat asked regarding the time line and when it would be ready for public input. Geddes suggested fall. Termaat and Moyers said this issue is very important to them and they are willing

to donate time to help with the process.

Larry Smith asked regarding the tone of the current ordinance being permissive versus restrictive. McKimmy said that it will be a combination of the two. Weinzapfel will have a list of things he can act on and anything outside that list will have to come before the board.

Candy's Café Subcommittee Report:

The applicants Joe and Candy Bussa. A meeting was held on May 16. There were no issues with the planning commission, but they have decided to withdraw their request due to the costs involved in upgrading the building.

Boat Dockage Subcommittee Report:

Cole was not able to type up the report. It will be ready by the next meeting.

Weinzapfel discussed a conference regarding the zoning enabling act. There will not be a lot of changes for the township since the township already follows many of these issues. Update on notices, Zoning Board of Appeals. The act will be effective July 1.

The ER News is not a paper that can accept legal notices yet. Notices will now go into the Town Meeting or Record Eagle.

JoAnn Meyers from Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors asked Weinzapfel to take a look at amending the ordinance to allow for use of directional real estate signs on corners.

Keith Termaat asked regarding the zoning enabling act.

Weinzapfel said Whitney Blakeslee is considering his options.

Cole said the Home Business Subcommittee has lost Jon Lein as a member. He will need to be replaced on the sub. Cole gave an update on the subs progress. Cole said he would like the sub to move forward and make a definitive statement. There will be no report in July or until a new board member is appointed the subcommittee.

Julie Baker asked regarding the South End Mobil gas station. It is not moving forward at this time. Julie Baker asked regarding the Sandbar Shoppe. There is nothing new to report. Julie Baker asked regarding the GTB. They are working toward trust status.

Meeting adjourned without objection by order of the chair at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat  
Secretary