

Comprehensive Planning Commission (CPC) Meeting

April 3, 2014 6:30 PM

Ridgeville Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Inese Epstein, Chairman, Ron Luethe, Secretary, Jo Marie Thompson, Alternate, Rob Larson, Alternate.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andi Radke Rynes, Laurene Krueger, Marcy Clark.

Chairperson Epstein called meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Inese Strazdins Epstein second by Jo Marie Thompson. Motion carried. Motion to approve minutes from March 3, 2014 meeting by Rob Larson, second by Jo Marie Thompson. Motion carried.

The Town of Ridgeville Comprehensive Plan was reviewed. Chairperson Inese Strazdins Epstein presented a summary of a WisLine Course on Comprehensive Plans and Amendments. In the course it recommends to update a plan on a ten-year cycle, especially in areas with low development activity. The Town of Ridgeville Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2009, so the 10-year update can occur in 2019. The proposed changes to the current plan include instances of Town in the plan to Town of Ridgeville, spell out the acronym DOA – Department of Administration and update the Community Profile section of the Plan with the 2010 Census data. It was noted these proposed and future changes need to be tracked and documented and can be incorporated at the ten year anniversary of our plan. Motion by Rob Larson, second by Ron Luethe to postpone an update at this time and continue to document proposed changes to the plan. Motion carried. Motion by Jo Marie Thompson, second by Inese Strazdins Epstein to postpone the update to the plan with 2010 Census Data.

It was noted new census data available at the ten-year anniversary of the plan. A link to the Ridgeville 2010 census data will be available online on Ridgeville's website to those who are interested in this data.

We reviewed a letter from Energy Planning Information Committee (EPIC) – Town of Stark to be sent to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) concerning the American Transmission Company ATC proposed power line in our area. The letter requests the PSC to conduct a socio-economic study to assess the impacts of the high voltage line to the local economies of the area. The letter will be presented to the Ridgeville Township Board for review and submission.

Ron Luethe reported he did contact Alison Elliott at the Monroe County Planning & Zoning Department concerning the Farmland Preservation Plan Map sent from the Monroe County Planning & Zoning Department. There was a question on the required consistency between the Farmland Preservation Area Plan Map and the Future Land Use Map found in the Town of Ridgeville Comprehensive Plan. Allison stated the Farmland Preservation Plan Map includes non-cropland and wooded tracts not included in Ridgeville's Future Land Use Map and is criteria based specifically to property eligible for Agriculture Areas (AEA's) and Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) programs (both replace old Farmland Preservation Program). It was determined her map and our map is consistent with our local land use plan.

Rob Larson motion to adjourn. Jo Marie Thompson seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Luethe, Secretary