

Comprehensive Planning Commission (CPC) Meeting

June 29, 2015

Ridgeville Town Hall

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Chairperson Epstein called meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Rob Larson second by Ron Luethe. Motion carried. Motion to approve minutes from May 14, 2015 meeting by Rob Larson, second by Jo Marie Thompson. Motion carried.

Chairperson Epstein suggested we combine agenda item 2 (non-metallic mining ordinance) and item 3 (general development ordinance) for discussion purposes.

We briefly reviewed the Town of Scott (Crawford County) Mining, Nonmetallic and Nonmetallic Mine Operator's License Ordinances.

The main concern is the lack of transparency and public participation in development activities within our township.

A development type ordinance should include the following:

- Developer to notify the township board of their intentions and hold a public meeting before any development activities would commence.
- Steps for developers to follow that would comply with established township and county ordinances and our comprehensive plan. A checklist developed from the comprehensive plan/county ordinances could accomplish this.
- Include a property value clause to protect individuals directly impacted by the development.
- Environmental/farmland protections and economic impacts should be integrated into the planning process.

It was decided to hold a workshop at the next meeting to begin the process of developing an ordinance to address development issues in our township.

Next meeting will be held Friday, July 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM CDST

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Luethe, Secretary