

TOWNSHIP OF LINCOLN
CLARE COUNTY P.O. BOX 239
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Supervisor Zimmerman
Clerk Majewski
Treasurer Carey
Trustee Hardin
Trustee Tobin

Lincoln Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:01 pm

Roll Call :

Present – Liaison Tobin, Szczepanski, Hamilton, Howell, Recording
Secretary House, Zoning Administrator Lambert, Building Inspector Mantei

Absent – White

Public – 3

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, December 16, 2009 – It was moved by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski to accept the minutes as read. Motion Passed.

Zoning Administrator's Report:

(See Attachment 1)

Building Inspector's Report:

(See Attachment 2) Tobin stated that in his experience and having consulted with several banks the notion that requiring proof of a final inspection and occupancy permit for existing homes before issuing loans is false.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

1. The Research Worksheet was reviewed. Szczepanski will work on the Lighting Issue and Tobin will research the Contiguous Property issue. All issues were discussed for clarification of new Commission members.

New Business:

1. Hamilton was nominated by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski for Chair of the Planning Commission. It was moved by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Hamilton. Yes (4) No (0) Motion Passed. Szczepanski was nominated by Hamilton and seconded by Tobin for Vice-Chair. It was moved by Tobin and seconded by Hamilton that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Szczepanski. Yes (4) No (0) Motion Passed. Szczepanski was nominated by Howell and seconded by Tobin for Secretary. It was moved by Tobin and seconded by Hamilton that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Szczepanski. Yes (4) No (0) Motion Passed.
2. The 2008 Mission Statement for the Planning Commission was reviewed in preparation for the development of the 2009 statement.

Public Comment:

1. Supervisor Zimmerman reminded the Commission that the statement “to improve and protect the general health, safety, and general well being of individuals in the Township” should be in the mission statement. He also talked to them about the role of the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator; the importance of transparency; the nature of open meetings; and suggested that members attend the upcoming MTA classes.
2. Supervisor Zimmerman stated that the Township Board will be reinstating a 5 member Zoning Board of Appeals and asked for a volunteer from the Planning Commission to serve on that Board. Howell volunteered to be the Commission Representative on the Board. Szczepanski will be the alternate.
3. Supervisor Zimmerman explained that no one can seek the Township Attorney’s legal advice without an invoice number for such services from either the Township Clerk or the Township Supervisor.

The next regular meeting will be March 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Moved by Szczepanski and seconded by Tobin to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion Passed.

Secretary,

Gary Szczepanski

Attachment 1 – Zoning Administrator’s Report

December 17, 2008 to January 20, 2009

Approved Zoning Applications:

1. Gary Earnheart at 5217 Timber Road for a Garage Addition to the House

Un-approved Zoning Applications:

None

Ordinance Complaints:

Side Lot Violation

1. Ramiro Garcia of 1727 Arbor Drive for a deck addition in violation of a side yard setback will be removing that portion that is in violation in the Spring of 2009

Blight Complaint

1. Donald Bacon of 2770 South Finley Lake Road had his trial cancelled and given an extension until Spring 2009

Attachment 2 – Building Inspector’s Report

December 2008 – January 2009

Permits:

12-11-08 - Aden Yoder Builder at 4662 Hemlock for an addition

1-06-09 - Malley Construction at 5217 Timber Drive in White Birch for an addition

Inspections:

12-18-08 - George Cummings at 4902 Hemlock in White Birch for a final inspection

12-29-08 - Yoder Builders at 4662 Hemlock in White Birch for a rough inspection

1-7-09 - Malley Construction at 5217 Timber Drive in White Birch for a footing inspection