

TOWNSHIP OF LINCOLN
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Supervisor Zimmerman
Clerk Majewski
Treasurer Carey
Trustee Hardin
Trustee Tobin

APPROVED

Lincoln Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:02

Roll Call:

Present - Chair Hamilton, ViceChair/Secretary Szczepanski, Liaison Tobin, Recording Secretary House, Zoning Administrator Lambert, Building Inspector Mantei

Absent - White, Howell (per Township Board Request)

Public - 1

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, January 20, 2009 - It was moved by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion Passed.

Zoning Administrator's Report:

No Report

Building Inspector's Report:

(See Attachment 1) The half-demolished trailer on Arthur is currently being cleaned up.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

1. The Commission looked at the Planning Commission By-laws, Rules and Regulations to suggest improvements. Tobin felt that it is very open to interpretation and could be tightened up. Hamilton suggested that the date for electing officers be changed from September to December. Moved by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski to move the month from September to December. Motion Passed. Hamilton suggested that in the Planning Commission Secretary's job description, it should state that the secretary should supply 5 copies of any changes to the ordinances to the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair. Tobin moved and Hamilton seconded to add this assignment to the Secretaries job description. Motion Passed.
2. The Commission looked at the Mission Statement adding the statement suggested by Zimmerman at the last meeting. The addition begins at....quality of life and growth while promoting the public health, safety and general welfare of the Township of Lincoln in Clare County. Another statement was deleted. Motion by Hamilton and seconded by Tobin to accept the changes as made. Motion Passed.
3. Hamilton suggested that each member of the Planning Commission be assigned a job and have a goal to complete at least one job by the end of the year. Szczepanski did not have a report yet on lighting. Tobin did not have a report yet on contiguous property but did present what some of the nebulous issues are. Discussion ensued in an effort to clarify the reason that the Planning Commission was looking into it. This issue was deemed not a priority and could be resolved as an understanding between the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission.

New Business:

1. Changes to the Ordinances concerning accessory buildings next to the lake and their size with overhangs was discussed and the proposed changes put forth by the former Planning Commission

members from October 2008 were read. Tobin will bring back clarification on this issue from the Township Board to the next meeting.

2. Hamilton will take on the issue of rebuilding a non-conforming structure after a loss such as a fire. The issue looks at the discrepancies in the existing ordinances concerning trailers vs. homes and rebuilding in the footprint in regards to setbacks. Variable setbacks for side lots was suggested by the Zoning Administrator. Lambert feels that allowing this for non-conforming lots would eliminate a lot of problems. Discussion followed.
3. Goals for the next meeting were clarified.

Public Comment:

1. None

The next regular meeting will be April 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Moved by Tobin and seconded by Szczepanski to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion Passed.

Secretary,

Gary Szczepanski

Attachment 1 – Building Inspector’s Report

Building Inspection

Final inspection at 4662 Hemlock for an addition

Building Permit

For a demolition at 550 Mary’s Lane