



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 18, 2010**

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Present: Nicki Arendshorst, LeeAnne Jachim, Bill Cole, Ed de Vries, Joseph Lampen, Bob Ellis and Eric Davis, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Steve Schaftenaar

Nicki Arendshorst, Chairperson, called the regular meeting of the Park Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Cole and supported by Ellis to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 5-0

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Jachim and supported by Cole to approve the minutes for the February 16, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 5-0

De Vries arrived.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Harmsen, representing Point West I, LLC, stated that after receiving a significantly different directive from the planning commission (PC) in February they want to take a step back and look at the design and at the suggestions received from the PC. A new design team, Tracey Cross & Associates from Illinois, has been hired to augment the team. This firm is creating a report that will be ready towards the end of June. After receiving the report, the team will meet with the neighbors and then come back to the PC in August or September. He asked that their item be allowed to remain on the table until such time.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item #1 – Annual Report**

Arendshorst asked if anyone had any corrections or desired changes to the report. A short discussion ensued.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Ellis and supported by Lampen to accept the report and forward it to the board.

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 6-0

**Item #2      Officer Elections**

Arendshorst explained that the board wanted to stagger the terms of the PC members and thus some term expirations have been changed. She asked Lampen about his term.

Lampen stated that he had explained to the township supervisor that he did not want to take on another three-year term but he is willing to stay on until the Point West item is completed.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Cole and supported by Ellis to nominate a slate consisting of the current officers: Chair – Arendshorst, Vice-Chair – Lampen, Secretary - Jachim

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 6-0

**Item #3      Places & Spaces Report – Disposition of certain properties owned by the township**

Arendshorst asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the report. A short discussion ensued.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Jachim and supported by de Vries to approve the report and pass it along to the board.

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 6-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A subcommittee was chosen to explore a medical marijuana ordinance. Ellis explained that the township currently has a six-month moratorium in place until an ordinance can be written. The moratorium can be extended. Jachim, Arendshorst and de Vries will make up the committee. First meeting will be Tuesday, June 1, 6:30.
2. Committee of the Future will meet Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
3. There is a Master Plan meeting with the board, the PC and the consulting firms, Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.
4. Arendshorst gave a report on what activities and changes the surrounding municipalities are working on.
5. Arendshorst stated that a township citizen had spoken at the most recent township board meeting asking whether the sale of items other than “hot dogs on a stick” violates the conditional rezoning contract with Smitty’s Pronto Pups. Davis stated that the township was investigating whether the sales constituted a violation of the contract. A short discussion ensued.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Jachim and supported by Cole to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

**VOTE**

Motion carried: 7-0

Sandy Brodie, Recording Secretary