

Lincoln Township – Midland County Planning Commission

Sheila Mesler - Chairperson, Susan Ensign - Vice Chairperson
Reid Duford – Secretary
Members - Chris Clark, Mark Thornton

January 5, 2016

The meeting of the Lincoln Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Sheila Mesler at 6:30 pm.

Roll call was taken: Sue Ensign, Reid Duford, Chris Clark, Mark Thornton and Sheila Mesler were all present.

A motion was made by Sue Ensign to approve the agenda and was supported by Mark Thornton. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion by Chris Clark and supported by Reid Duford to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting. Motion approved 5-0.

Commission Comments: Sue Ensign mentioned that the Township Board reappointed Reid Duford to the Planning Commission. Secretary Reid Duford read correspondence from Kevin Wray offering support, as a neighbor, for the Wysong property request to rezone additional parcels. Sue Ensign also provided a copy of the Jerome Township 2016 Master Plan & Recreation for the Commission's review and comparison.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Public Hearing: The public hearing was re-opened for discussion with respect to a request from Lucas Wysong to rezone 4 parcels; 110-035-200-800-00, 110-035-400-100-00, 110-035-400-125-00, & 110-035-400-180-00 from current zoning of Commercial or Low Density Residential (R-2) to Light Industrial (M-1). Logan Wysong-Foreman was in attendance as a representative of the Wysong Corporation, along with the support of Linda Hanlon and Becky Church from Midland Tomorrow. However, upon review, the Commission determined that three of the requested parcels; 110-035-200-800-00, 110-035-400-100-00 and 110-035-400-125-00 had been approved for M-1 Industrial zoning at a public hearing held on October 19, 2009. Therefore, the Commission's consideration of the request to rezone is ultimately limited to whether or not a zoning change from Commercial to M-1 Industrial is appropriate and necessary for parcel 110-035-400-180-00. Secretary Reid Duford reviewed and

reiterated the October 19, 2009 Planning Commission minutes from the initial Wysong request and public hearing. The October 19, 2009 minutes reflect that parcel 110-035-400-180-00 would not change from its current commercial zoning and that the petitioner had no plans for the parcel at that time. In addition, 9 citizens were in attendance at the October 19, 2009 hearing and voiced their concerns about rezoning the commercial parcel as it was necessary to maintain its current zoning to provide a buffer transition between the residential and the industrial use properties. Both Shelia Mesler and Reid Duford agreed that the commercial zoned parcel was necessary to provide a buffer to the neighboring residential properties and leaving it as a commercial use would not restrict the use or development of the other three M-1 Industrial zoned parcels or the proposed project as a whole. A motion to approve the zoning request as submitted for parcel 110-035-400-180-00 on "Application for Land Use Certificate of Approval" #4478 was made by Sue Ensign and supported by Reid Duford. The motion was denied 5-0.

New Business: Elect New Officers for 2016: Sue Ensign nominated Sheila Mesler as Chairperson with support from Chris Clark. Shelia was appointed by a vote 5-0. Next, Sheila Mesler nominated Sue Ensign as Vice Chairperson with support of Mark Thornton. Sue was appointed by a vote of 5-0. Lastly, Shelia Mesler nominated Reid Duford as Secretary with support from Sue Ensign. Reid was appointed by a vote of 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Reid Duford, Secretary
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