

APPROVED 6-4-14

Regular Meeting of the Casco Township Planning Commission  
May 14, 2014 - Following Public Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Barker, Daniel Fleming, Dian Liepe, Lewis Adamson, Paul Macyauski and Judy Graff

**ABSENT:** David Campbell was excused

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan West, Recording Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfred Ellingsen, Zoning Administrator

1. **Call to Order and review of agenda.** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Approval of minutes of 4/9/14 regular meeting** - Motion by Adamson, supported by Fleming, to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting as written. All in favor, MSC.

Chairman Barker stated that he will be attending the MI Place Initiative meeting on May 22, 2014 and the MI Citizens Planner meeting on June 12, 2014 in East Lansing.

3. **Report from the Township Board Representative** – Graff reported as follows:
  - a. There have been 30 new water & sewer hook-ups, 22 of which were from Meijers.
  - b. A police millage (.65 mills) will be on the August, 2014 Ballot for one full time officer with car. The hours that the officer would work would still need to be determined. Macyauski asked if Graff had a sheet listing the reasons why it was decided to go ahead with the millage and Graff stated that she did, but that some of the reasons included public concern, the current poor response time, fireworks problems, etc. Macyauski stated that the public seemed to be split on the issue. Macyauski further asked why it was decided to put it on the August, 2014 Ballot. Graff answered that it needs to be on the August ballot so that if it passes, funding will be available in January, 2015. Macyauski asked if the month of August was considered because more people are here to vote in the summer months. Graff answered that there was no discussion regarding who will vote.
  - c. There will be three issues on the ballot in August: 1. Police millage, 2. 911 Allegan County Surcharge, and 3. Allegan County is asking to double the millage for seniors.
  - d. The Township provided a letter of support for the bike trail. Allegan County will decide in June, 2014 if they will accept ownership of a portion of the trail (Casco Township has stated that they will not).

4. **Report from the ZBA Representative** – Macyauski reported that there was a variance after the fact granted for a small shed in Sunset Shores. There was plenty of support from the neighbors

and the shed is well maintained. Graff asked if there is a penalty given in a case where the variance is requested after the fact. Macyauski answered that there is not a penalty given from the ZBA. Ellingsen further stated that if it is a honest mistake, there is not.

5. **Report from Water/Sewer Representative** - No report
6. **Resolutions requiring Planning Commission action; Zoning Ordinance Recommendation for Casco Township Board:** See Minutes from the 5-14-2014 Public Meeting.
7. **New Business- Process for Zoning Amendments from adoption to codification:** Chairman Barker stated that this issue was discussed at the Public Meeting held immediately prior to this meeting. Chairman Barker suggested that once the Revised Zoning Ordinance Book has been adopted by the Township Board, the Planning Commission should ask for time at one of their upcoming meetings to discuss codification. Graff stated that Ellingsen should also speak with Allan Overhiser regarding same. Ellingsen stated that he will check with the Township Clerk to determine how many Ordinances Casco has.
8. **Old Business: Plan for Casco Twp Annual Meeting** – Chairman Barker stated that the Annual Meeting is on the calendar for June 23, 2014 and that he will give a re-cap of the year, concentrating on the revised Ordinance Book. He will also bring up codification. Liepe asked if Chairman Barker will also present a summary of the February 8, 2014 meeting and he stated that he will.

Graff asked if the Commissioners should keep their old copies of the Ordinance Book for any reason. Ellingsen stated they won't need them. He will keep a copy. Further, any site plan approvals already given would follow the old Ordinance Book, but future approvals will fall under the revised Book.

9. **Public Comment:** none

Chairman Barker asked for comments from the Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Barker thanked the Commissioners for their long hours and hard work on updating the Ordinance Book. It has been a long process.
- B. Macyauski asked if a fruit stand is going in on the corner of 107<sup>th</sup> and Blue Star Hwy. Ellingsen stated that Tom Tucker will have a vegetable stand on that corner.

Motion to adjourn by Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adamson. All in favor, MSC. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Minutes prepared by Susan West, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm

