

APPROVED 4/11/12

Regular Meeting of Casco Township Planning Commission
March 7, 2012, 7 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Barker, John Stroud, Dian Liepe, Daniel Fleming, David Campbell, Paul Macyauski, and Janet Chambers, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Judy Graff is excused

ALSO PRESENT: Alfred Ellingsen, Zoning Admin. and Building Inspector

1 Call to order and review of agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. SHARA was added under Old Business.

2 Approval of minutes from regular meeting on 02/08/12 and Special meeting on 02/11/12

Motion by Fleming, supported by Liepe, to approve the 02/08/12 minutes as printed. All in favor. MSC

Motion by Fleming, supported by Liepe to approve the 2/11/12 minutes of Special Public Meeting as printed. All in favor. MSC

3 Public Comment: none

4 Report from the Township Board representative: none

5 Report from the ZBA representative: Macyauski gave a report from the February 8th, 2012 ZBA meeting.

1. A dimensional variance, not to exceed one acre, for the use of agricultural irrigation materials, was granted to Lyle White.
2. A variance for size and location of a sign was granted to Craig Stevens to replace an existing sign.
3. Setback variances were granted to William Garrity for construction of a courtyard, addition to porch and living space, and construction of a storage building.

ZBA meetings are scheduled for March 8th and March 22nd.

6 Report from Water/Sewer representative: none

7 Resolutions requiring Planning Commission action: No Action Required

8 Old Business

SHARA : Upon review of minutes from 2/8/12, question was raised about an attached memorandum from Bultje. The first two paragraphs of Page 4, Section III, stated that Section

15.03 and Section 17.07 were not reviewed prior to approval of special land use for SHARP. The Planning Commission would like it noted that general standards of Section 15.03 and review standards of Section 17.07 were reviewed and approved at the previous meeting, followed by discussion and approval of the special land use for SHARP at the August 22, 2011 meeting.

Master Plan Update

Final Draft, dated February 8th, 2011, of the Master Plan was presented to the Board. The Board accepted the Master Plan and thanked the PC for its hard work. The Chairman asked that PC members take a close look at the Master Plan for any printing errors and promptly let Hudson know if there are any errors.

9 New Business

Calendar Update Wednesday, April 11th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Public Hearing on Casco Township Master Plan 5 year update, followed by the Regular Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Ordinances Plan of Action and Round Table Discussion: Ellingsen said that he has been looking at the current Zoning Ordinances for possible additions, amendments, or deletions. He and Hudson will begin discussion and consult with Bultje. The Commissioners are asked to submit any areas they would like included in that discussion. Some specific concerns the PC would like addressed are front yard setbacks on waterfront property, mixed uses of commercial and residential, agricultural based business, duplexes and 2nd homes for care of elderly parents. The PC would like to see something included in the ordinances that would clarify the use of windmills, antennas, satellite dishes, etc. Another change would be addition of a High Density Residential section to correspond with the new Master Plan.

Ellingsen and Hudson will submit suggested changes to the PC for discussion. The PC will hold extra meetings specifically for the discussion of the Zoning Ordinances.

Vendor Trucks: A question was asked about whether the PC has jurisdiction over vendor trucks. It was decided that they are licensed by the state and not a township issue.

The April Planning Commission Meeting will be Wednesday April 11th, following the 6:00 Public Hearing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Liepe and seconded by Stroud. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Janet Chambers, Recording Secretary