

APPROVED 3-4-15

Regular Meeting of the Casco Township Planning Commission
February 4, 2015 - 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Susan West, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order and review of agenda** - Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm. There were no changes to the Agenda.
2. **Approval of minutes of 1/14/15 regular meeting** - Motion by Graff, supported by Liepe, to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. All in favor, MSC.
3. **Report from the Township Board Representative** – Judy Graff reported on the January 26, 2015 Township Board Meeting as follows:
 - A. There have been several complaints made to Animal Control from residents near 101st off of 74th St. regarding a loose dog (ie: in the road, attacking). These residents have expressed a concern that their complaints are not being addressed. Alan Overhiser will contact Animal Control to discuss the status of this matter.
 - B. The Township Board has decided to purchase a patrol car rather than leasing same. A special meeting will be held on February 6, 2015 at noon to interview an individual for the police officer position. Macyauski asked if this will be an open meeting. Graff answered that all Township Board Meetings are open to the public.
 - C. There will be a re-noticing in the newspaper to get bids for the cemetery equipment building.
 - D. There was no update on the North Shore Drain Project.
 - E. Regarding paving of roads:
 - a. From the County mileage, the Allegan County Road Commission will be paving North Shore Drive from Baseline Road to 72nd, East of Blue Star Highway. From the Township mileage, the Road Commission will be paving 71st St., from 103rd North to 105th. Alan Overhiser will petition the Drain Commission to fix the flood problem on 71st St. Also, the Township will be paying the legal expenses (ie: the fee of setting up the loan, etc) of approximately \$10,000.00 for the paving of Lakeview. The residents on this street will pay the rest of the expenses.
 - F. All of the Easements with respect to the Blue Star Trail were not obtained and therefore the County Road Commission re-allocated the funds to another project.
 - G. SHAES will be providing a Citizens Fire Academy for training volunteer firefighters. There are 15 openings.

4. **Report from the ZBA Representative** – Macyauski reported that there will be two variance requests heard on February 19, 2015.

5. **Report from Water/Sewer Representative** - Adamson reported as follows:
 - a. There have been a couple of new connections in South Haven Township and one in Sunset Shores. Graff asked how many are needed for this fiscal year. Adamson answered that 17 ½ are needed and that we need a “good spring”. Graff asked how many have there been so far. Adamson answered with 12. Chairman Barker asked if any of the mandatory hook-ups were to be connected, would they count toward the 17 ½. Adamson stated that they would.
 - b. The lawsuit regarding mandatory hook-ups is still being pursued.

6. **Resolutions requiring Planning Commission action:** None

7. **New Business- Special Joint Training Meeting Agenda:**
 - a. Chairman Barker asked if all the Commissioners will be attending the Special Joint Training Meeting this Saturday, February 7, 2015. Fleming answered that he may not be able to attend due to the funeral of Mary Barden. There was some discussion as to whether the meeting should be re-scheduled. Adamson stated that there may be people coming from Chicago for the meeting. Chairman Barker stated that because the meeting has already been published in the newspaper, the meeting should remain on February 7th, but that he will state at the meeting that if anyone would like to attend the funeral, they should feel free to do so.
 - b. Chairman Barker indicated that the Agenda for the meeting is set. He further stated that there is a lot going on in the Township and that he believes this meeting is a great time to share information.
 - c. Cheri Brenner will be taking the Minutes for this meeting.

8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Liepe will e-mail to the other Commissioners a survey she received regarding broadband internet for their review.
 - b. Chairman Barker stated that he attended the Planning Commission Basic Training Session that was held by Attorney Bultje and his law partner. One issue that was addressed was Overlay Zones. Chairman Barker asked Attorney Bultje if Overlay Zones would apply to Lots of Record. Attorney Bultje answered that Lots of Record would be an ideal situation for Overlay Zones. Graff inquired as to what rules would apply to Overlay Zones. Chairman Barker answered that the Chapter 3 rules would be adapted as part of same. Chairman Barker further stated that Overlay Zones could give the Planning Commission a

new way of looking at Lots of Record. After further discussion, Chairman Barker stated that he will place this matter on the Agenda for the March, 2015 Regular Meeting and he will contact Attorney Bultje for further thoughts/ideas. Chairman Barker stated that the way things are currently regarding Lots of Record, he is concerned that we are not in legal compliance.

- c. Campbell stated that he has received input from residents regarding small homes. Chairman Barker asked Campbell to bring these materials to the Special Joint Training Meeting on February 7, 2015 and that same will be made attachments to the Minutes for that meeting. Macyauski stated that he believes making duplexes allowed in all areas could be a solution. Campbell stated that this might not be possible because in some cases, Property Deeds state that only single family dwellings are allowed on the property.

9. Public Comment – none

Motion to adjourn by Graff, 2nd by Macyauski. All in favor, MSC. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Minutes prepared by Susan West, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on March 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm