

Sugar Island Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

3/21/01

Community Center

Present: Jack Kibble Bill Sodders
John Odell Wayne Wheeler
Linda Smith

Absent: Lorraine Carpentier

Visitors: Derek Myerscough, Jerry Smith

Meeting was called to order by John Odell, Chair, at 7:20pm.

With the appointment of 2 new commission members, Jack Kibble and Linda Smith, the commission decided to entertain motions to appoint officers for the Planning Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. John Odell was reappointed Chair, Wayne Wheeler was appointed Vice Chair, and Linda Smith was appointed Secretary.

Township Supervisor Derek Myerscough addressed the Commission with information regarding the possibility of turning the Zoning Board responsibilities over to the Planning Commission and hiring a Zoning Administrator as recommended by the Michigan Twp Association. This change, that could be made with Board approval, could reduce costs and improve efficiency. Derek asked that this Commission considers this change and make a recommendation to the Township Board at the April 10, 2001 meeting. Since 2 members were new, the Commission decided they would review information from the MTA and meet on April 2, 2001 at 7pm in the Community Center to discuss the issue and decide on a recommendation to the Township Board.

John, Derek, Wayne, and Bill discussed the Planning Commission responsibilities for the benefit of the 2 new members. All members were supplied with the Zoning Ordinance. John agreed to make copies of the new survey results, the Land Use Plan, and the MTA information regarding combining the Zoning and Planning responsibilities and provide to all members.

The Commission agreed to change the meeting time and day to every third Wednesday, 7pm at the Community Center. Linda will contact Marge Bisdorf for notice in the Quacker. John will post notice of the special meeting of April 2, 2001.

A couple of public comments were taken from Jerry Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes prepared by John Odell

