

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:30 pm at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan. Chairman Michael Fielek called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:

Chairman Michael Fielek, Vice Chairman Rex LaMore, Commissioners Gerald Eidt, Rutgar Hoag, Rod Imhoff, Planning Assistant Wanda Bloomquist, Board Representative Martin Wright, and Building Inspector Mark Miller.

ABSENT:

Commissioners Ronald Cook and Ger Schultink. (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Planning Consultants Chris Doozan & Zeb Acuff of McKenna Associates.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

**Motion by Commissioner Eidt to approve the minutes of March 17th.
Seconded by Commissioner Hoag. Motion approved.**

CITIZEN COMMENT (NON- AGENDA ITEMS):

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Outdoor Wood Boilers

- PA Bloomquist provided additional information on OWB in addition to other Townships ordinances regulating them.
- EPA has required cleaner burning units since 2007.
- PA Bloomquist has a speaker willing to come in at a workshop meeting and possibly help with writing the ordinance – will invite to meeting on May 27th.
- Planner Acuff has additional townships' ordinances for the commission to review if interested
- Planner Doozan recommends using caution on following other ordinances – they may not be the right path for us to follow.
- Building Inspector Miller spoke to mechanical inspector at conference – recommends chimneys be 2 ft minimum beyond peak of a smaller building, or 2 ft above a point 10 ft from the roof on large homes.

ICRC Clear Vision / Tree Removal

- PA Bloomquist provided the ICRC Board Policy on these issues
- Residents should contact ICRC with safety concerns or requests of removal.

Continued Review of Article 2

- Planner Acuff read through and pointed out changes made to Sections 2.10 – 2.24.
- Commissioner Imhoff requested change in Section 2.09 A-4 regarding height requirement to 12 ft from 6 ft.

*Commissioner LaMore offered information from a recent conference – recommendation of laying conduit when doing work on roads or sewers for future use (fiber optic lines, etc).

- Commissioner Imhoff requested change to Section 2.22, B-1 – remove “20 ft”, and C-1 – remove last sentence completely regarding antennas on roofs. Noted by Planner Acuff.

*Discussion regarding how many cars you can have parked at your house (running or not). All must be titled. Planners will look into regulations regarding cars.

*Commission wishes to address blight situations.

Motion by Commissioner Eidt to hold a public hearing on May 19th regarding Article 2 of the ordinance.

Seconded by Commissioner Hoag. Motion approved.

*PA Bloomquist will put in the newspaper to get maximum response from residents.

REPORTS AND REVIEW:

Township Board

- Williamston Rd project has started and will continue into fall.
- Trees were planted at the park on Saturday the 18th of April.

Planning Staff

- Farmland Preservation Meeting was held April 15 at the Township with a great turnout.
- 40 trees were planted at the park with much help from various volunteers.
- Grants have been submitted.

PC Chair

- Capital Improvement Program conference on May 13 if interested – Chairman Fielek and PA Bloomquist may attend.

Review

- Discussion of OWB
- Discussion of Tree removal policy from ICRC
- Final discussion of Article 2 and moved to hold public hearing May 19

Motion by Commissioner Imhoff to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Hoag.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Gerald A. Eidt, Secretary

Michelle Morse, Recording Secretary