

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Vice-Chair McConnell, Commissioners Gregory, Macklem, and Kielbaso, and Student Commissioner Donahue.

ABSENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioner Scherbarth

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: Ray Severy, PE, Director of Public Works and Engineering

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Macklem to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Gregory. Approved 4-0.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2009, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Macklem to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2009, work session and regular meeting; supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 4-0.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown noted the recent departure of Senior Planner Langer and the need for study groups to complete project reviews.

6. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Committee/Liaison Reports**

1. Energy Awareness and Transportation: No report.
2. Natural Resources & Wetlands: Discussion amongst the commissioners since

two of the sub-committee members are or will be no longer on the commission.

B. Study Groups/Liaisons

- Appointing a liaison to the Citizen's Recycling Advisory Committee. Several commissioners felt Commissioner Scherbarth was interested in this position. Staff to ask him if that is still true. Next recycling meeting does not occur until August.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Student Commissioner Donahue's suggestions, including:

- Increase community member attendance at meetings.
- Consolidate efforts with environmental clubs in the schools.
- Adopt a stream or highway.
- Establish an environmental festival in coordination with a recycling event or the fall festival.

Discussion on the potential of the festival. The Commission requested staff seek up to \$500.00 be included in the Commission's 2010 budget to help with the costs of establishing a festival.

B. Land Preservation site visit

Discussion on reviewing a potential preservation site in Section 4.

C. Review and discussion of proposed projects received

- Wetland Use Permit #09-03 (Meridian Township)

Staff and Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy summarized the water main project along Hickory Island Drive and East Lake Drive. Questions and discussion among the commissioners and the applicant. Topics discussed included the need of hydrants, distance from the edge of the road the water main is being installed; process of directional drilling; the use of bentonite; and possible conditions on the permit.

Motion by Commissioner Macklem to recommend approval of Wetland Use Permit #09-03 conditioned on the applicant utilizing timber mats in areas of soft/wet soils and that bare soils be re-seeded with native plant species. The motion was supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 4-0.

D. Resolution of appreciation for Leslie Kuhn. Discussion on the draft resolution. Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso to approve the resolution as amended during the discussion. Supported by Commissioner Gregory. Approved 4-0.

E. Process for submitting and reviewing possible web links on the Township web

page.

Staff summarized the concern over numerous web links being submitted without any review by the Commission as to whether they were useful. Commissioners will submit their suggested links to staff, who will compile the list and include it in the next packet. The commission will then vote on the list at the next meeting. The final decision on which web links are included is up to the Township Manager.

9. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gregory to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.