

Watertown Township
Planning commission
Special Meeting
November 9, 2016

Members Present: Mark Batkie, Dale Schoen, Gary Fetting, Al Stoutenburg, William Dixon and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Amanda Aldrich

Guests: Robert Eggers of Spicer Group.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Gary Fetting, Vice Chairman, Al Stoutenburg arrived a few minutes later. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: No additions or corrections.

Minutes: William Dixon made a motion to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes, support by Mark Batkie, motion carried.

Business before the board is 4 items to go over prior to completion of Master Plan:

1. Revised version of Goals and Objectives.
2. Future Land Use Map, add multi-use paths to Parks and Recreation.
3. Master Plan questions, need different objectives for DNR land use, possibly Parks and Recreation. Land use, what would it take to get M-19 as a bicycle route Gary Fetting inquired, would require working with MDOT from Sandusky to Peck.
4. Completion Steps

Response to item #1: Bill Dixon commented on need for better high speed internet and cellular towers for better service throughout the community. Some Townships provide internet to all residents. E-commerce is the future. We have lower wages to offer, last in State of Michigan to get these services. Need to take the position of making internet and updated communication services available to all Township residents and businesses.

Response to item #2: Future Land Use Map, guides how you may zone land in the future. Shorten up Gates Rd to back of Walmart and add Miller Road to the East on South Side of Miller Rd and North Side after Holy Redeemer church and both sides of Stoutenburg/Campbell Road to commercial. M-19 South to Cooper:

- 2: Single Family Residential
- 3: Same
- 4: Watertown Area Same
- 5: Single Family Residential

Response to item #3: Take out 20% ownership and keep, over 90 are connected, no expansion not considered. 2. Yes, 3. Summer 2015 tax bill, 4. Mailed with tax bill, 5. Peat – all been harvested (permit is no longer active).

Response to item #4: Went over timing of approving Master Plan. Robert is going to e-mail to Sheila Coats with check off dates when all items are due.

Al Stoutenburg asked if there were any other business before board. No response. Motion made to adjourn by William Dixon, support by Gary Fetting, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Coats

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