

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 2, 2012  
7:00 P.M., LEE TOWNSHIP HALL, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

Mary Spraul called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Introductions were made:

**PRESENT: Planning Commissioners-** Tom York, Linda Taylor, Mary Spraul, Mike Spitnale and Laura Dawson

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cindy Winland: Consultant from Crescent, Ron Rippee: Township Clerk, William Stewart: Township Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Thomas, Cindy Davidson and Linda Anger.

Tom York made a motion to accept the September 4, 2012 minutes as written.  
Mike Spitnale seconded the motion. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A Site Plan Application Packet was received by Jonathon Thomas.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mary tabled the review of the Police Ordinances until the November meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Set a Public Hearing date for the Site Plan Review for Jonathon Thomas.  
The date is October 24, 2012. Hall availability permitting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tom York made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.  
Linda Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** To Present the proposed new Zoning Ordinance.

Cindy Winland explained how to use the Table of Content for anyone to be able to utilize the Zoning Ordinance in a complete manner.

Mary Spraul made a motion to Open the Hearing at 7:20 pm Tom York seconded the motion.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Linda Anger asked if we were going to change or update the Zoning Map.  
The Planning Commission plans to start with the updating of the Zoning Map at a future meeting.
- Cindy Davidson asked if the Zoning Map, once updated, would be available on the Township site?  
Our intent is to have both the new Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map on the website when they are completed.
- Laura Dawson had a township resident contact her to make mention the way the wording of Animal (small) reads, most people would think we weren't allowing residents to have chickens.
- The Planning Commission with the help of Cindy Winland made a slight change in wording in the Definition section of Animal (Small) to read as follows: Pets or any animal weighing 20lbs or less.

Mary Spraul made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm. Tom York seconded the motion.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

**PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION MEETING:**

Mary Spraul made a motion to accept the Zoning Ordinance with the change of Animal (Small) definition and recommend it be sent to the Township Board for their approval. Mike Spitnale seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Mike Spitnale: yes  
Linda Taylor: no  
Mary Spraul: yes  
Tom York: yes  
Laura Dawson: yes

Cindy Winland will make the change and send the Planning Commission an updated draft. She will also send a copy to the County Planning Commission along with a copy of the minutes. Cindy will help with the announcement for the newspaper once the Township Board approves the draft.

Mary Spraul made a motion to close the Discussion Meeting at 7:50pm. Tom York seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mary Spraul opened the Planning Commission's Regular Meeting at 7:50pm  
We had a quick discussion about the Site Plan Review Packet , Special Use Packet and Procedures Manual now will need updated with the new information. This will be done at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tom York made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Linda Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor.

Submitted by Laura Dawson

Planning Commission Secretary