

Watertown Township  
Planning commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2015

Members Present: Al Stoutenburg, Gary Fetting, Ed Budzinski, Dale Schoen and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Scott Franzel (John Bezotte resigned)

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Al Stoutenburg, Chairman. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Two additions or corrections to agenda. Rich speaking for Dick Henderson regarding cemetery issue. Frankenmuth meeting attended by Al Stoutenburg.

\*Minutes. Sheila Coats made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dale Schoen supported, minutes approved.

Dick Henderson asked Rich to report that you have to notify neighbors for land use. Scott Franzel was previous sexton for Cemetery. Scott is not happy with the way Cemetery is being maintained. Rich presented all with a letter from Scott Franzel. Dick sent a text to Scott, 97.2 of Ordinance. Gary Fetting made a motion to table the special land use request until we receive a representative from proper authority, seconded by Ed Budzinski, approved.

Proposal from Spicer Group. Al asked if everyone had a chance to look over and requested comments. Sheila Coats agreed with hiring Spicer, Ed Budzinski also liked, Dale Schoen thought it was good, Gary Fetting wondered if we needed to include Recreation plan in Master Plan. Ed wanted to know who would provide maps. Gary said he contacted Spicer saying he did not have any maps available. Al Stoutenburg wondered if he could make changes possibly in a year. Gary felt we should put it on agenda annually. Ed wants to make sure we can make changes to an editable version. Request a copy in Microsoft Word format. Rich will check with Spicer Group. We need to know who will own the copy rights to the plan. Scott Franzel agreed by phone that he supports hiring Spicer. Gary Fetting made a motion to approve and recommend to Board to hire Spicer Group for updated Master Plan and Recreation Plan at a cost not to exceed \$9,500, seconded by Sheila Coats, approved.

Gary has not sent in the bills for work he provided when the planning commission originally started work on the Master Plan. Gary stated he doesn't have any bill for the Township.

Al Stoutenburg brought to meeting Michigan Township meeting books he purchased at Frankenmuth meeting for \$60 on issues at zoning meetings, layout parking lots, questions and problems that might arise regarding Planning and Zoning. Reimburse Al for buying. Ed is taking big one home to review and Rich took small book home for review. The class was put on by Kalamazoo law firm, talked on Planning and other issues, did not talk about wind ordinances. Gary mentioned pit ordinance should include driveway conditions for pits. Maybe include in ordinance so edge of road doesn't always get edge busted up.

Meeting presented a few valuable points and advise we attend future meetings.

Meeting \$160.00  
Books \$ 60.00

Al will provide township with a bill. He will be reimbursed for his costs.

Motion to adjourn by Sheila Coats, seconded by Ed Budzinski, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Coats  
Watertown Township Planning Commission