

Columbia Township Planning Commission

Loretto Baker (Twp. Bd. Rep.) Roger Gaede (chairman), Steve Holmstrom, Pam Jarvis , T. H. Parker, Beverly Wahr, Don Watkins (secretary/vice chair)

February 5, 2008

Public hearing called to order by Gaede at 7:00 and explained rules of the hearing

Present: Baker, Gaede, Holmstrom, Jarvis, Parker, Watkins, Wahr.

Absent: none

Present:

John Calhoun, 440 Oakwood, Twp treasurer

Mike McKay 2040 S. Shore Dr, Clarklake

Motion to approve minutes of December 4, 2007 as submitted by Wahr, second by Holmstrom. Ayes all

Form revision:

Calhoun explained need for form up dating. He presented the site plan application to the commission. A number of suggestions for improvement were submitted by members of the commission to the treasurer. He requested that members read over the application and make out a check list to submit to the applicant in preparation for a site plan hearing.

McKay suggested that a letter from the owner accompany any form submitted by and agent.

Workshop on Land Use Plan:

McKay: North of Jefferson should be low density not medium density as shown on Map 2: Land Use Plan. Two classes of ag large 40+ A and small (many ag parcels are small in the township). Is the soil map correct? It seems to not match reality. Important to have much of the land that is ag to remain ag. 40 A parcels should be preserved. Population trend does not give real results (growth is not as shown on p35,36) but is in decline as shown by fewer students in school and empty homes. McKay submitted notes to the commission. Enclosure 1

Received a letter of January 29, 08 (enclosure 2) from Donald and Martha Spicer Forwarded from Region II regarding changing land zoned AG-1 to residential. They wish to preserve farm land.

March 4, 08 7:00pm public hearing

Also land use plan workshop.

May 6 is School Election; meeting moved to April 29, 2008 (needs notice).

Holmstrom moved, Parker second; adjournment 9:00

Donald Watkins, Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Spicer letter of January 29, 08
2. McKay notes, two pages