

## REGULAR MEETING

**PRESENT:** Chair Jackson and Commissioners Thomas, Finley, Kielbaso, Schools, Bagdasarian, and Scherbarth.

**ABSENT:** None

### STAFF

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

### OTHERS

**PRESENT:** None

#### 1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Thomas to approve the agenda with Land Preservation review criteria removed and a discussion on the Township Board meeting added. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0.

#### 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2010 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

No changes. Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0.

#### 4. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioners Finley and Thomas were welcomed by the Chair and briefly introduced themselves.

#### 5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Noted they met with the Township Board in early January.

#### 6. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown noted:

- Only two environmental stewardship award nominations have been received.
- The state passed phosphorus legislation in later 2010
- The MDEQ will be re-split from the MDNR in March 2011
- Jessica Yorke has agreed to speak to the Environmental Commission
- Please provide any corrections to the contact list

7. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

8. **ELECTIONS**

Nomination by Commissioner Scherbarth for Ned Jackson to continue as Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. No other nominations received. Approved 7-0.

Nomination by Commissioner Scherbarth for Mike Thomas to be Vice-Chair. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Nomination by Commissioner Thomas for Lise Schools to be Vice-Chair. Supported by Chair Jackson. Commissioner Thomas elected to Vice-Chair by a vote of 5-2.

Nomination by Commissioner Scherbarth for James Kielbaso to be Land Preservation Representative. Supported by Commissioner Thomas. Approved 7-0.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Resolution of appreciation for Bill McConnell.

- Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the resolution as prepared by staff. Supported by Commissioner Schools. Approved 7-0.

Associate Planner Brown summarized the proposed changes to the Wetland Protection Ordinance. Commissioners Thomas and Scherbarth to review the document.

Associate Planner Brown discussed the new state phosphorus legislation. He and Commissioner Schools will review it in comparison to the brochure.

Chair Jackson briefly summarized the joint meeting of all boards and commission held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

10. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Kielbaso summarized on-going activities regarding the Land Preservation Advisory Board. No report on the Green Initiatives Committee.

11. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Schools. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.