

MISSION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE
Planning Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:08PM at the Mission Township Hall.

Committee Members Present: Terry Havir, Ray Westby, Gary Kern
Other Attendees: Jim Roach and Bob Young

There was not a quorum so the meeting consisted of discussion topics. No motions were put forward. The Town Board asked the Planning Committee to review the Comprehensive Plan to:

1. Consider any changes or updates – to be presented at the annual Township Meeting in March and;
2. Review the lot size recommendation in the Comprehensive Plan.

Terry read an email from Rick that said we should consider the items requested by the Board, but not make any decisions or recommendations without further investigation by the committee.

Discussion concentrated on one of the Comprehensive Plan strategies on page 20 that recommends we “Require a 2.5 or 5 acre lot minimum.” Many of the meeting attendees were surprised the document didn’t specify 5 acres. A majority of the meeting attendees wanted the lot size to be 5 acres to “preserve the rural character” of the Township. Terry indicated there has been discussion of alternate development approaches such as cluster development where homes are grouped together to protect green space and minimize the need for infrastructure the township would have to provide. Since the County ordinances prevail, it was felt we had little or no influence over the matter.

The attendees suggested the question of 2.5 versus 5 acres should be brought up at the annual meeting to get opinions from the town residents.

The group also discussed the land behind the park: a realtor contacted Bob and made an inflated price offer.

The group discussed the need for any changes to the Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed that we should discuss accomplishments at the annual meeting. No changes were recommended other than the issue of lot size.

Future Planning meeting – to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Terry Havir