

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 5, 2012

1. At 7:00 pm Chairman Mark Leathead called the meeting to order.
2. Dale Brown offered the invocation.
3. Roll call: Present; Paul Potter, Dale Brown, Jim Vander Veen, Mark Leathead, Ron Wind, Paul Blauwkamp, Rick Lamer.
4. Attendees: Lynee Wells, Township Planner; Jim Scholma, Zoning Administrator, Recorder.
5. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Motion by Potter, supported by Wind to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.
6. Approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.
 - Motion by Blauwkamp, supported by Lamer to approve the December 1, 2011 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.
7. Opportunity for public comment:
 - There were members of the public present. No comments or communications were presented to the Planning Commission.
8. Old Business
 - A. Development options for Rush Creek Estates MHP.
 - 1.) Secretary Vander Veen reported that a letter stating the options and objectives of the Planning Commission concerning Rush Creek Estates MHP was sent to the Rush Creek Estates MHP Association.
 - 2.) Comments:
 - a. Kathy Johns – There are misconceptions on what the Planning Commission would like the Rush Creek Condominium Assoc. to do.
What would happen to Rush Creek Estates if Fentura Financial Inc would walk away from Rush Creek Estates?

Ms. Johns stated she doesn't see a benefit if "stick built" homes are allowed.

- b. Melissa Kaboos – Not everyone is against "stick built" homes. More homes would help cover expenses incurred by the Condominium Association.
- c. Amy Brunnink – I'm not opposed to stick built homes, just need more information to cast an educated vote.

3.) Review of proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 Manufacture Home Park.

- Motion by Blauwkamp, supported by Lamer to have Lynee Wells, the Township Planner, make the changes and corrections to the proposed draft amendment language as just previously discussed. The proposed draft amendment document will be forward to Supervisor Ver Hage for review. If there are no additional changes, the document will be forwarded to the Township's legal counsel along with other pertinent information for review. Upon conclusion of the legal review process the recommended document will be distributed to the Rush Creek Estates Condominium Association members and other interested parties. Motion approved.

9. Correspondence – There was no correspondence received.

10. Upcoming Events:

A. Township Board Meeting – January 19, 2012

B. Planning Commission Meeting – February 2, 2012

11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, the Chairman called the Planning Commission to adjournment until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Hearing no objection the Chairman declared the Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Agenda items for the next Planning Commission meeting:

- Development options for Rush Creek MHP.
- Ordinance amendment request of the Blendon Township Fire Department.
- Planning Commission annual review report
- Annual review of Bylaws and Code of Conduct

Recorded by Jim Scholma, Zoning Administrator

Submitted by Jim Vander Veen, Secretary