

## CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2013

Ken Gidner called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Roll call was taken. In attendance were Ken Gidner, Doug Lake, Tanya Riley Van Wagner, Rick Streams, Ed Plentz, Bob Matejewski, Otis Garrison and Tom Van Wagner. Theresa Friess was absent and excused.

Ken Gidner called for review of the secretary's report of March 27, 2013. Doug Lake called to accept the secretary's report as written. Rick Streams seconded the motion. Ken called for a vote. Yes = 8 No = 0. Motion carried.

Ken Gidner called for any other Business to bring before the planners tonight. No mention of any.

Ken Gidner said under Old Business, discussion of the Medical Marijuana ordinance will not be necessary as the Township Board is going to the action on this issue. He suggested that we dissolve the sub-committee that had been set up to work on this concern. Ed Plentz made the motion to discontinue the Medical Marijuana committee. Doug Lake seconded the motion. Ken Gidner asked for any further discussion? Ken called for a vote. Yes = 8, No = 0. Motion Passed. Tom Van Wagner asked Rick Richardson what type of action is the Board going to take. Rick answered that they are going to pass a police ordinance to handle any issues.

Ken Gidner moved on to New Business. He mentioned that our ordinance book contains references to the BOCA building codes. Since Michigan standardized to using the Michigan Construction Codes, in 2009, he suggests that we change all references in our ordinances to reflect using the current "Michigan Construction Codes". This will require a Public Hearing to accept our suggested changes. Question came up asking Rick Richardson if the ordinances were in a Word file so we could do a find and replace so we could have one public hearing to make all the changes required. Rick confirmed that the ordinance book is all in a current Word file.

Bruce Nichols mentioned that there are really two codes, as the Residential codes are listed separately. So we should use the general term of the Michigan Construction codes. Tanya Riley Van Wagner made a motion to replace BOCA code in our Township Ordinance book with the wording "Current Michigan Construction Codes". Motion was seconded by Ed Plentz. Ken Gidner called for a vote. Yes = 8, No = 0. Motion carried.

Ken Gidner mentioned that we should have all the locations in the ordinances found and identified for publishing before the Public Hearing. It was mentioned that Pat Steele should be able to use "find and replace" and identify all areas that need correction.

Ken Gidner brought up New Business of the Satellite Dish Antennas ordinance 4.5.6 found on page 39. We feel this is an obsolete ordinance and should be removed. This no longer serves any purpose. A Public Hearing will have to be held to inform the public of our intentions.

Tom Van Wagner made a motion to remove section 4.5.6, Satellite Dish Antennas from our Township ordinance book after following proper procedures for our Public Hearing. Rick Streams seconded the motion. Ken Gidner called for any further discussion. No more comments. He called for a vote. Yes = 8, No = 0. Motion carried.

Ken Gidner brought up the fact that he will not be available for next months meeting on June 26. Tom Van Wagner and Tanya Riley Van Wagner will also be out of town and not available. It was suggested that we cancel the scheduled June meeting. Next meeting looks to be set for July 31.

Tom Van Wagner asked if everybody was given a copy of the Cambridge Township Planning Commission Suggested Master Plan Implementation Measures. Ken Gidner mentioned that yes; all planners were given a copy during the March meeting.

Doug Lake asked if we have anything in place to cover all of the foreclosed, abandoned and neglected homes. Bruce Nichols mentioned that we have several ordinances to cover unsafe issues and these should cover any problems we see.

Karen Zavicar asked if we could be sure to notify the public if a meeting has been cancelled, as she had some residents mention that they didn't know the April meeting was cancelled. Rick Richardson said that there is always a posting on the door and on our website if the meeting is cancelled. However, he cannot publish in the newspaper since he doesn't usually have enough time.

Tanya Riley Van Wagner called a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Lake seconded the motion. Ken Gidner called for a vote. Yes = 8; No = 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tanya Riley Van Wagner