

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 09, 2012, 7:00 PM

The regular quarterly meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission came to order at 7:05 PM. Present: Jerry Hamelink, Kipp Bastien, Supervisor Doug Byas, Barbara Thole
Absent: Jim Deming, Delbert Burr

Supervisor Byas began the meeting by introducing Fulton resident Kipp Bastien as the new member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Bastien replaces Planning Commission member Ed Woodhams who passed away earlier this year. Mr. Woodhams will be much missed as he had a great knowledge of township government which he so generously shared with Wakeshma Township during the period of time that he was a member of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bastien's appointment was effective as of April 1, 2012. Mr. Byas gave a summary of the past few months of the history of the tasks of the Planning Commission which included the use of the Planning and Zoning Enabling Acts, the latest copy of the zoning ordinances, open meetings and rules of the meetings, and the land use master plan which is located on the Wakeshma Township website. There was discussion about the change of the village boundaries (1/4 mile each way West, East, South and North) and the commercial (C-2) zone (C-2 due to the fire station).

Mr. Byas informed the Planning Commission that Climax Township is currently working on new zoning ordinances which we will have access to when they are complete, as townships are required to share their documents with those entities which border them. Supervisor Byas left the meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Hamelink asked for a motion to approve the January 16, 2012 Planning Commission minutes as submitted. The motion was made by Thole and supported by Bastien to accept the minutes. The motion was approved. Mr. Hamelink also welcomed Mr. Bastien to the Planning Commission and stated that Mr. Woodhams was a great asset to the Planning Commission and will be very much missed. Ms. Thole read an e-mail from Corinne Kisner, a researcher from the University of Michigan regarding a study on land use and transportation in Kalamazoo County.

A motion was made by Hamelink and supported by Bastien to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole, Recording Secretary for Planning Commission

