

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2003 MEETING
TUESDAY AT 3:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Howard Balzer, Joyce Benedetto, Neil Distelhorst, Glen Hymer, and Hulda Moffitt.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector

Call to Order: Chairman Howard Balzer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Moved by Neil Distelhorst, seconded by Glen Hymer, and unanimously approved that the Minutes of the August 26, 2003 Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Old Business: Update of Zoning Resolution

After consulting with Donald Brosius, Township Law Director, Ms. Swisher said that they had concluded that a complete re-write of the Zoning Resolution was not necessary in order to parallel the code with the Prairie Township Comprehensive Plan. Too much time and effort has been invested in the Zoning Resolution to disregard the valuable and largely relevant information therein.

Mr. Distelhorst asked Ms. Swisher if there was a timeline for completing the update of the Resolution. Ms. Swisher said that she was still in the process of reading the Comprehensive Plan in order to understand its contents and define the scope of the project to bring the Resolution into agreement with it. Ms. Swisher said that she understood the Commission's concern about being backed into making a rezoning decision counter to the Plan, and that she would present a timeline at the October meeting of the Zoning Commission.

New Business: None

Announcement(s): Actions by the Board of Trustees

Ms. Swisher made the following comments:

Township Administrator:

The Board of Trustees extended a job offer to a highly qualified candidate for the position of Township Administrator, and completion of the hiring process is imminent.

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Norton Crossing Subdivision:

At the October 1 board meeting, it is likely that the Trustees will make a motion that finally gives the go-ahead to the Norton Crossing subdivision. Several discrepancies, which had stalled progress on this project since August 2002, have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Trustees by the developer M/I Homes.

Norton Crossing is located between Inah Avenue and Norton Road on both the north and south sides of Owen Street. At the July 23, 2002 meeting, the Zoning Commission approved this 12-acre property, formerly known as the Baker Tract subdivision, for rezoning to Exceptional Use (EU). EU zoning is not subject to variances; therefore, all open issues had to be settled prior to the beginning of construction.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Zoning Commission will be Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Howard Balzer adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Hulda Moffitt, Clerk

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