

**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 MEETING**

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**Members Present:** Howard Balzer, Christopher Finn, Glen Hymer, Hulda Moffitt, and Judy Stalter

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dana Scott, Zoning Clerk

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Howard Balzer, Chairman, at 3:00 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Balzer asked for a motion to approve the August 28, 2007 Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Stalter moved to approve the August 28, 2007 minutes. Mr. Hymer seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows:

Howard Balzer, Aye  
Christopher Finn, Aye  
Glen Hymer, Aye  
Hulda Moffitt, Aye  
Judy Stalter, Aye

**Old Business:**

Ms. Scott announced that Connie Swisher was not present because she was attending the Franklin County Technical Review meeting, also scheduled for September 25, because the Prairie Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update is on the agenda.

**New Business:**

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ms. Scott told Commission members that Connie Swisher recently met with Martha Gilson, CPESC<sup>1</sup>, of the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District.<sup>2</sup> Because FCSWCD has no enforcement capability, it has requested that Prairie Township include the Soil & Water District's water management and sediment control regulations in the riparian section of the Prairie Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan, as well as in the Big Darby Accord Watershed Master Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> CPESC = Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control

<sup>2</sup> The Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District promotes conservation and the wise use of natural resources, primarily by providing technical assistance and educational programming to landowners and local governments. It is a not-for-profit organization. (Resource: [www.franklincswcd](http://www.franklincswcd))

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Implemented in this way, Prairie Township would be responsible for enforcement of the riparian regulations. Soil & Water would be responsible for observation of violations and for notifying Prairie Township about them. However, the offender(s) would have to be disturbing more than one acre to be in violation.

Ms. Scott distributed the following documents from the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District to Commission members for their review.

- Water Management and Sediment Control (WMSC)  
Model Township Zoning Resolution – Geauga County, Ohio
- Environmental Standards: Erosion, Sedimentation and Stormwater Management Controls in All Districts  
Bainbridge Township Zoning Resolution – Geauga County, Ohio
- Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control – Franklin County, Ohio

In response to Ms. Moffitt's question about the possible effect on timing caused by incorporating Soil & Water's regulations in the Comprehensive Plan, Ms. Scott said that the schedule for action on the Comprehensive Plan will remain as previously stated. She said that Ms. Swisher was discussing Soil & Water's request with the County today.

**Next Meeting:**

Mr. Balzer announced that the next meeting of the Prairie Township Zoning Commission would be Tuesday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive. He reminded Commission members that the meeting is on the fifth Tuesday of October, not the customary fourth Tuesday.

There being no further business, Mr. Balzer adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hulda Moffitt, Secretary  
Prairie Township Zoning Commission