

# Joyfield Township Planning Commission Minutes

October 16, 2014

1. Call to Order @7:30pm
2. Roll call - all present except M. Evans who is excused
2. Approval of agenda - Betsy suggested that #3 under Unfinished business (Discussion on allowable uses in the rural & commercial districts) be struck from the agenda. Krueger made a motion to approve the agenda, Wood second. Motion carried.
3. Public participation for agenda items - none
4. The minutes from August 26th were read. Wood made a motion to approve, Krueger second. Motion carried.
5. Benzie County Planning Commission Update - none
6. Unfinished business
  1. Betsy gave an update on a workshop she attended. The workshop was titled "Streamlining the Zoning Process". Betsy did forward the PP slides to all PC members but she had five take away points. 1) Ordinances should be well organized for readability and usability. 2) Ordinances should say things 1 time only. 3) Do NOT copy ordinances, they should be written by each municipality and should be written based on the Master Plan. 4) Pictures should be used along with written descriptions. 5) Ordinances have two users: Designers & Property Owners, keep the process separate from regulations.
  2. Ted and Betsy gave an update on Lakes to Land. First, the Michigan Association of Planning Excellence award awarded each participating township with an award for their work and commitment to the planning process. Second, after looking at the audit data L2L is figuring out where to go from this point. They are checking with neighboring areas for possible collaboration efforts for writing and developing ordinances. Finally, The L2L Farm & Food Assessment conducted by a MSU graduate student who surveyed local farmers, restaurants and fruit growers is complete. The report has been posted on the L2L website and is open for feedback.
7. New Business - none
8. Public participation for non-agenda items - heard
9. Adjournment @ 8:48pm. Wood made a motion to adjourn, Kreuger second. Motion carried.

