

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION OCTOBER 24, 2012**

Call to order by Chairman Popp at 7:00; **Pledge of Allegiance**; **Roll Call**: present were Chairman John Popp, Vice Chair James Laarman, Secretary Dale Hunsberger, member Greg Wright, and Zoning Administrator David Neiger. **Absent**: Sandra Skees-Giaier. **Recognition of Visitors**: Bruce Walton, Bruce Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fisher, Monica Schultz, and Amy Ferris.. **Call for Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items**: none. **Approval of Minutes** of the July 25, 2012 regular meeting and the October 3, 2012 special meeting; Secretary Hunsberger asked for one change in the regular minutes: the month of the AES-PC workshop should have been August and not September: moved by Popp, seconded by Laarman all ayes, no nays – motion carried. **Approval of the Agenda**: Hunsberger asked to have the 2013 meeting dates schedule added to the agenda and Laarman asked that place amenities be added; moved by Hunsberger and Seconded by Wright to adopt the Agenda with the additions above; all ayes, no nays, motion carried. **Public Comments and Correspondence Concerning items Not on Agenda**: Mr. Harwood commented on the moratorium on wind turbines and Bruce Walton asked for a posting of a zoning map.

Reports to the Commission:

Jim Laarman and Monica Schultz re: Alliance for Economic Success. The Land to Lakes requested the following workshop dates:

November 14, 2012, November 28, 2012, December 12, 2012, January 23, 2013, February 13, 2013, and February 27, 2013. The Board discussed these dates and agreed to adopt them if the January 23, 2013 date could be changed to January 30, 2013, because of a conflict of interest on the 23rd. Moved by Hunsberger and seconded by Wright to adopt the above workshop dates with the exception of January 23, 2013 being changed to January 30, 2013; all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Public Hearings: None.

Unfinished Business: Bylaws: Hunsberger stated that she had made all the changes the Township Attorney, Richard Figura, had requested and presented those to the Board. Motion by Popp and seconded by Hunsberger to adopt the Planning Commission Bylaws; all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Marijuana Ordinance: Zoning Administrator Neiger stated that we now had time to really study the different ordinances because we had extended the moratorium and because the Supreme Court was in the process of making some changes.

New business: 2013 Meeting Dates Schedule: The following regular meeting dates were proposed by Chairman Popp: January 23, 2013, April 24, 2013, July 24, 2013, and October 24, 2013. There was Board discussion; Vice Chair Laarman stated he thought there should be more meetings than just quarterly meetings. The conclusion was that special meetings could be scheduled at any time. Motion by Hunsberger and seconded by Wright to adopt the above 2013 Planning Commission regular meeting dates; all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Place Amenities: Vice Chair Laarman spoke on this topic; it was decided that it was best worked into the workshop sessions with AES.

Public Input – Agenda Items Only: Mr. Harwood spoke on the marijuana ordinance and for the Planning Commission not to be intimidated by lawsuits. Mr. Fisher inquired about the marijuana ordinance moratorium time limit. Mrs. Fisher asked about the wind turbine exemption.

Any Other Business/ongoing Business: None.

Adjournment: Chairman Popp called the meeting to a close at 7:55 p.m.

Next workshops with AES are scheduled for November 14, 2012, November 28, 2012, and December 12, 2102, all at 6:00 p.m., and the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale J. Hunsberger, Secretary