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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 19, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: David Rumpel, Dennis Masson, Jack Ketchum, Greg Latsch Ross Vlietstra, and Russ Tiles.

ABSENT: Ronald Lindquist

PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill - Community Development Director

A. Call to Order.

Rumpel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Adoption of Minutes.

Ketchum moved to adopt the minutes as presented of the February 17, 2010 regular meeting of the Planning Commission with the one correction on page 3 by adding “no report” under Section 1, 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Vlietstra, which passed unanimously. Masson asked that minutes be provided in a more timely manner to ensure accuracy.

C. Approval of Agenda.

Latch moved to approve the agenda. Ketchum seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. General Public Comment: None

E. DOOD- Special Land Use to Expand Existing Nonconforming Use:

Mr. George Dood, property owner, presented his application and stated that he would like to replace his 80 square foot shed with a 144 square foot shed at his home which is zoned Industrial. He stated he was expanding a nonconforming use by 64 square feet and therefore he is required to go through the special use process. Dood stated the existing 8x10 shed will be removed from the property.

Rumpel opened the public hearing. No comments were received and the Vlietstra motioned to close the public hearing with support from Latsch. Motion passed unanimously.

Masson moved to approve the special use permit request with the condition that the old accessory building be razed. Second by Ketchum, motion passed unanimously.

F. Medical Marijuana:

Hill presented the basics of the law passed in 2008 that legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes. After general discussion, the Planning Commission asked Hill to get a legal

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opinion on whether or not we should enact a moratorium as there was concern that if all of the other communities around Spring Lake Township were enacting them, we may be putting the Township at risk. Hill state he will be meeting with other area planners and the Ottawa County Sheriff Department to discuss draft ordinances in the near future.

G. Zoning Ordinance Training – Planned Unit Developments

Hill stated that it would be beneficial to review the provisions in the Article 14, Planned Unit Developments, in the new Zoning Ordinance. Hill stated the Planning Commission should review Section 1400, 1406, and 1411 for a future training session.

I. Commissioner Comments and Reports

1. Township Board: No report
2. ZBA: No Report
3. Community Development Director: Hill presented information regarding the North Bank Trail project.
4. Commissioners expressed interest in having ID cards to wear when doing site inspections and for staff to make sure that property owners are aware that PC members and Township staff will be visiting the site.

H. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM made by Ketchum with support from Latsch. Motion Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Ross Vlietstra, Secretary
Planning Commission