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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 1, 2011 – SPECIAL MEETING**

PRESENT: David Rumpel, Dennis Masson, Ron Lindquist, Jack Ketchum, Russ Tiles and Mathew Phares.

ABSENT: Greg Latsch

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.

No minutes were reviewed for adoption.

C. Approval of Agenda.

Masson moved to approve the agenda with the request to remove item G. Lindquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. General Public Comment: Paul Vander Heide provided an overview of the expansion that he would like to construct in the future at VanderMill in Spring Lake.

E. Dog Grooming – Similar to Personal Service Establishment

Lindquist felt that considering a dog grooming use similar to a Personal Service Establishment indicates deficiencies in the Zoning Ordinance and that this use could or should be added to the Neighborhood Commercial District. Hill noted that adding a dog kennel to the ordinance as a permitted or special use could be considered at a future date however part of the logic in considering it a similar use was to expedite the timeline for approval so a business could open in Spring Lake Township.

Ketchum moved to approve that a dog grooming business is a sufficiently similar to a Personal Service Establishment per Section 354 of the Zoning Ordinance. Ketchum added a stipulation to the approval that no overnight or outside keeping of animals would be permitted. Rumpel supported the motion and it carried unanimously.

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F. Capital Improvements Review

Gordon Gallagher, Township Manager, provided an update on the Township Capital Improvements Plan. This included the over improvements to the water and sewer system and the recent grants obtained. Gallagher emphasized that the Township plans in advance for replacement equipment purchases and sets aside funding in increments over the years so that debt can be minimized. Gallagher also stated that he wants the Planning Commission to know that staff is working on capital improvement planning and that we are preparing for the future by consideration of sharing resources in the community and restructuring to try to reduce equipment needs.

G. Zoning Text Amendment Considerations (REMOVED)

H. Reports

1. Township Board: Lindquist shared the importance of SLT being awarded the Township of Excellence award from the MTA and that SLT is the only Township to ever earn it.
2. Zoning Board of Appeals: Ketchum stated his support of the North Bank Trail effort in northern Ottawa County and Hill's efforts on this project.
3. CDD: Hill provide a brief update on the North Bank Trail project.

- I. Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM made by Masson with support from Ketchum. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Rumpel, Chairman
Planning Commission