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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
December 19, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Dennis Masson, Jack Ketchum, Ron Lindquist, Greg Latsch, Amy VanDyke,
and Russ Tiles

ABSENT: David Rumpel

PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill - Community Development Director

A. Call to Order.

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

B. Adoption of Minutes.

Lindquist moved to adopt the minutes of November 21, 2012 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Ketchum seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Agenda.

Ketchum moved to approve the agenda. Latsch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. General Public Comment: No general public comment.

E. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

1. **Bike path requirements and sidewalk requirements:** The Planning Commission discussed the proposed bike path and sidewalk standards. Lindquist stated he was concerned about the reading of Section 312 B. Tiles suggested placing subsection 2 first to clarify the intent of the section. Masson stated he was concerned about requiring sidewalks on both sides of the street. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Planning Commission that developments will be home to families and sidewalks on both sides of the streets should be required.
2. **RV parking:** There were no comments on the draft RV storage requirements that were previously discussed.
3. **Keeping of Bees:** Ketchum stated that he was happy that Lindquist suggested revising the language removing the special land use requirement. Ketchum stated that the prescribed regulations will regulate this use without the need for expensive formal reviews. Hill confirmed there is no cost associated with administrative review.
4. **Neighborhood Commercial** amendments: There were no comments on this section.

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5. **Nonconforming buildings and uses:** No additional comments were made on this section.

The Planning Commission directed Hill to submit the language to the Township Attorney for review and formatting and notice it for a public hearing in January.

G. Reports

1. Township Board: Lindquist discussed the new fire station on 174th Avenue.
2. Zoning Board of Appeals: Ketchum and Hill provided a Wetland Review Board update as well as a North Bank Trail update.
3. CDD: Hill discussed the concept of a joint community profile with the Village of Spring Lake as part of our Master Plan update.

- J. Motion to adjourn at 7:45PM made by Masson with support from Latsch. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Masson, Vice Chairman
Planning Commission