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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Jack Ketchum, Dennis Masson, Crystal Morgan, Jerry Rabideau, David Rumpel,
Russ Tiles
ABSENT: Greg Latsch
PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill, Township Community Development Director
Ron Bultje, Township Attorney

A. Call to Order

Rumpel called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Approval of Agenda

Masson made a motion, support by Ketchum, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

Masson made a motion, support by Ketchum, to adopt the April 18, 2018 Planning Commission minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

A time for public comment was provided. No comments were offered.

E. Solar Regulations

Commissioners discussed the draft concept for solar regulations. Hill will revise the draft and bring it to a future meeting for more discussion.

F. Sign Discussion – Reed v. Town of Gilbert

Reed v. Town of Gilbert is a legal case regarding sign regulations. The Supreme Court has ruled that sign regulations must be content-neutral. Based on this decision, our sign ordinance should be reviewed to ensure that we are treating all signs in a content-neutral manner. Hill will discuss this issue with the Township Manager and the Township Attorney and bring suggestions to the Planning Commission.

G. Commissioner Comments

1. Township Board: Masson and Morgan were reappointed to the Planning Commission. The Board approved the wetland setback text amendment. The Master Plan amendment related to Spring Lake Country Club was approved for distribution. Keith Tianen of Downtown Solutions was chosen to help develop a Corridor Improvement Authority for the area near M104 and 148th Ave. The town home development on the corner of M104 and 148th Ave is moving forward. Izzy Design is closing, but there is an indication the building will be repurposed.
2. ZBA: Approved an accessory building on a corner lot with modifications to the request.
3. Community Development Director: The June meeting is expected to have a request to amend the Arcadia PUD, and to review the town home development at the corner of M104 and 148th Ave. Fire Station #1 achieved LEED Gold status, and there will be a celebration in June.

H Adjournment

Ketchum moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Ketchum, Secretary
Planning Commission