

**Town of May
Washington County
Planning Commission
January 26, 2012**

The Planning Commission of the Town of May met for their regular meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the May Town Hall. Members in attendance were: Chairman John Arnason, Steve Magner, Mark Dupre, Lester Rydeen, Jyneen Thatcher, Don Rolf, Chad Nelson. Absent: Alternates Jeff Chase and William Still. Also present: Bill Voedisch, Town Board Chairman; Linda Klein, Town Clerk. Chairman Arnason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Arnason moved, seconded by Rydeen, to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2011, planning commission meeting, adding a condition to the Shea subdivision, "right of way dedication shall be provided as required by Washington County." All approved.

Proposed Ordinance 2012-01

Sign Ordinance

Board Chairman Bill Voedisch brought forward the proposed ordinance regulating signs in the Township, noting that this ordinance has not been modified since 1994. One of the items needing modification was assigning a permit fee if the size or type of sign is outside the terms of the ordinance. Arnason asked about the placement of signs, i.e., is it on premise or could it be off site directing people to the location. Both Magner and Rydeen agreed that some parameters need to put in place to give the reader a general idea of what would or would not be acceptable. Most believed there should be an overall height restriction and perhaps ratio of height to width.

Arnason moved, seconded by Thatcher to open the public hearing. All approved. Arnason moved, seconded by Lester Rydeen, to close the public hearing. All approved. Arnason moved, seconded by Rydeen to recommend to the Town Board that they approve the ordinance as presented, including on-premise notation, purpose, and possible consideration of height restriction or rural consistency phrase. All approved.

Proposed Ordinance 2012-02

Remove Dogs as Livestock

Board Chairman Voedisch brought forward the ordinance and Arnason noted one typographical error. The purpose is to remove dogs from the agricultural section of the ordinances.

Arnason moved, seconded by Rolf, to open the public hearing. All approved. Arnason moved, seconded by Dupre, to close the public hearing. All approved. Arnason moved, seconded by Rydeen, to recommend to the Town Board that they approve the ordinance 2012-02 removing dogs as agricultural livestock. All approved.

Hearing no further business, Arnason moved, seconded by Rolf, to adjourn. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Klein, Town Clerk