

**JOINT MEETING OF THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
AND ZONING COMMISSION
JANUARY 17, 2012 -- FINAL**

Present: Trustees, Mark Van Buren, Eric Smith, and Ray Foor, Fiscal Officer, Carolyn Elder. Zoning Commission members Chris Johnson, Rodney Osborne, Laney McLaughlin, and Tony Sharp, Zoning Inspector Tom Frederick and Zoning Secretary Vickie Noble.

Guests present: B.W. Lane, Bill Greenlee, Kim Zeune, Frank Shortridge, Carel & Bonnie Ellinger, Scott Dunbar

Mark Van Buren opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Role was called and introductions of the trustees and the Zoning Commission were made.

After a brief discussion of township business Mr. Van Buren lead an open discussion of the progress and objectives of the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Van Buren asked if an announcement could be put on the website to allow residents information concerning which section of the zoning map would be worked on in the upcoming meetings.

Ms. Johnson stated that it would be hard to give information beyond the starting point of the meeting.

Ms. McLaughlin gave examples of some areas covered in past minutes.

Mr. Foor asked if the board could predict what parameters might be covered in meetings. Mr. Frederick reiterated what Ms. Johnson had previously stated that only the starting point could be predicted.

Ms. Johnson stated that work on the map is almost finished.

Mr. Van Buren asked what the time frame might be for completion.

Mr. Osborne and Mr. Van Buren did calculations and came up with 5-8 months to complete map and do overview to make sure the map is consistent.

Once the proposed map is finished there will be public informational meetings for residents to view the map and ask questions.

Mr. Van Buren asked about the updated mailing list for notification.

Mr. Frederick stated the list is almost finished.

Mr. Frederick and Ms. Johnson brought up the fact that only the B1 districts are being assessed at this time. These proposed map classifications are based on road classifications.

Mr. Smith asked what kind of feedback the board is getting while working on the proposed map. Ms. Johnson answered that most understand the process.

Mr. Van Buren asked if any guests had questions or comments.

Mr. Lane...wanted to attend and introduce himself

Mr. Greenly...no issues today

Mr. Zeune...questions about his property, which is zoned M-1. Response was that M-1 is not being looked at in the map proposals, only those properties with business zoning.

Mr. Ellinger..."Get rid of the book"

Mr. Foor returned to the subject of the Informational meetings that will be held after the proposed zoning is complete. He asked if meetings could be held by sections instead of the entire map.

The zoning commission members asked how many meetings the trustees wanted to have.

Mr. Van Buren stated that if it took several meetings, do it.

Mr. Smith agreed and felt it would be manageable in bite size pieces.

Mr. Osborne also agreed that it should be divided into sections.

Mr. Frederick suggested a map be included in the mailings to inform residents of the section to be reviewed at each scheduled meeting.

Mr. Van Buren asked what other issues should be looked at after the Business zoning is complete.

Ms. McLaughlin suggested lighting, and signs.

Ms. Johnson stated the board has a to do list that they have been compiling.

Mr. Frederick said there are still things in the book that need to be updated and that he is making notes on those things.

Mr. Van Buren asked if there were any other zoning issues or needs. When there were none, he expressed his appreciation to the zoning members for attending the special meeting.

The focus of the meeting returned to more township business before being adjourned and transferred to the Zoning Commission for their working meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Vickie Noble, Zoning Secretary

Chris Johnson, Chair