



## **Minutes Planning Commission**

**Date: February 25, 2015**

**Call to Order: By Chairperson Moore at 7:30 PM**

**Members Present: Gunnell, Hoskins, Sevey, Moore, Babcock Sawade, Blackburn  
Members Absent: None**

**Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2015 meeting date**

**Motion to approve by Blackburn, Support by Sevey all ayes.**

**Approval of Agenda: Approved with addition of discussion of Master Plan under new business.**

**Election of Officers: Babcock nominated Moore for Chairperson support by Sevey, all ayes. Blackburn nominated Hoskins as Vice Chair support by Babcock, all ayes. Sevey nominated Sevey as Secretary support by Blackburn all ayes.**

**Choice One amended site plan presented by John Fountain. The Planning Commission approved the site plan in July of 2013. The plan has been scaled back to include the tower sign and they added a trash enclosure, they will not add parking spaces but will repave the parking lot. Motion by Babcock support by Gunnell to approve the amended site plan, All ayes.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance School discussion. Mark Hoskins has been checking with area townships. They all said they would judge on a case by case basis. One person with Michigan State extension said that his concern would not be with the number of horses as long as they are cared for and exercised daily. Ron Silverman said that the care and exercise would be done by the students and a hired person on weekends. The estimate of the MSU extension was that there would be 50 lbs of manure per day per horse. Ron explained the benefit of wood pellets vs straw as bedding in regards to manure weight. Vickie Babcock asked about the style of stalls, Ron said they would be 10x12 back stalls. The manure would be stored on site until it is disposed of. He would keep it in a cement enclosure. He said there was a company in Holland that makes bedding out of manure. Question about the ownership of the horses. Some will be owned by the school and some will be privately owned.**



**Mark VanAllsburg suggested that the ordinance amendment would lay out very specific requirements. The PC could do the zoning ordinance amendment and the site plan review in April. Mark Hoskins asked about food for the students. Ron said it will be catered. Fred Gunnell would like to visit the site. Mark VanAllsburg warned about limiting the number of PC members to 3 as to prevent a quorum.**

**There was discussion regarding the Master Plan. It is time to review and see if the township is where they want to be specifically the commercial and industrial areas. We should also think about amenities such a public parks maybe bike trails. All members need to read the Master Plan. Members should review and send any comments to Alan Richard at [alanrichard25@hotmail.com](mailto:alanrichard25@hotmail.com)**

**March meeting date has been changed to Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tyler Kolantz will be here to present his site plan for the storage units on White Creek Ave.**

**Motion to adjourn by Babcock support by Sawade, All ayes.**

**Adjourned at 8:50 PM**

**Signed:**