

**MINUTES OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2007 IN THE CLAY  
TOWNSHIP MEETING HALL, 4710 PTE. TREMBLE ROAD,  
CLAY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48001**

1. Chairperson Dorothy DeBoyer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Chairperson Dorothy DeBoyer, Vice-Chair Anthony Antkowiak, Treasurer Kathy Schweikart, Whitey Simon, Earl Lines, George Lyle, Edward Keller, II, Thomas Krueger, and Edward Sharrow

3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Antkowiak, supported by Lyle to approve the minutes of November 28, 2007 as presented.**

**AYES: All                      NAYS: None**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on Existing Special Approval Land Use/Site Plan:  
William/Janet Thulin – 3645 Pte. Tremble Rd.**

Chairperson DeBoyer: Our Township Attorney has provided us with correspondence which is an update on this issue. We had this before us three months ago and we all agreed that there would be an agreement between the Planning Commission, our Township Attorney, the landowner, and his attorney that everything would be off the property and meet the existing Site Plan by December 1, 2007. I am sure all of you are aware that this did not happen. Therefore, their Site Plan has been forfeited. At this particular time, they do not have a Special Approval Land Use. They will have to clean the land up. As to what they will do in the future, she does not know. They have been given notice that the time has elapsed and the Special Approval is gone because they did not meet the requirements.

Simon: Questioned what this means?

Chairperson DeBoyer: They have to get everything off of the land and stop using it as they are now.

Simon: Questioned as to by when this has to be done?

Chairperson DeBoyer: The attorney's letter states by December 11, 2007.

Simon: Stated that that date has obviously come and gone.

Chairperson DeBoyer: Stated that their attorney is aware and has called and stated that they do not have a defense.

Vice-Chairman Antkowiak: Stated that Mr. McNamee had stated that if this had happened, there was considerably more teeth in the ability to enforce the zoning violations than if there was a Special Land Use.

**6. ADOPTION OF 2008 MEETING DATES:**

Chairperson DeBoyer: Stated that in November, the second meeting will be on a Tuesday because of Thanksgiving. And, of course, in December, there is only one meeting. Actually, by law, we are required to have four meetings per year, but the Planning Commission has established that there will be two meetings each month with the exception of December.

**Motion by Vice-Chairman Antkowiak, supported by Simon to approve the Resolution to Establish The Clay Township Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2008 (attached).**

**R/C VOTE:**

**AYES: Sharrow, Krueger, Secretary Schweikart, Vice-Chairman Antkowiak, Keller, Lines, Lyle, Simon, Chairperson DeBoyer**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairperson DeBoyer: Our laws require that in December of each year, Officers of the Planning Commission are elected. The floor was then opened to nominations.

**Elections of Officers of the Clay Township Planning Commission was opened by Chairperson DeBoyer at 7:35 p.m.**

**Motion by Vice-Chairman Antkowiak, supported by Lines to nominate Dorothy DeBoyer for Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2008.**

No other nominations being made.

**Motion by Simon, supported by Lyle to close nominations for Chairman/Chairperson of Planning Commission for 2008.**

**AYES: All            NAYS: None**

**MOTION CARRIED. DOROTHY DEBOYER ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2008.**

**Motion by Lines, supported by Lyle to nominate Anthony Antkowiak for Vice-Chairman of the Clay Township Planning Commission for 2008.**

No other nominations being made.

**Motion by Simon, supported by Krueger to close nominations for Vice-Chairman/Chairperson of the Clay Township Planning Commission for 2008.**

**AYES: All            NAYS: None**

**MOTION CARRIED. ANTHONY ANTKOWIAK ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2008.**

**Motion by Lines, supported by Simon to nominate Kathy Schweikart for Secretary of the Clay Township Planning Commission for 2008.**

No other nominations being made.

**Motion by Krueger, supported by Vice-Chairman Antkowiak to close nominations for Secretary of the Clay Township Planning Commission for 2008.**

**AYES: All            NAYS: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED. KATHY SCHWEIKART ELECTED AS SECRETARY OF THE CLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2008.**

**Elections of Officers of the Clay Township Planning Commission for 2008 was closed at 7:38 p.m.**

**8. PLANNING CONSULTANT'S REPORT:**

Chairperson DeBoyer: Our Planning Consultant is not present tonight. He had a conflict and could not be here.

**9. Z.B.A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

Vice-Chairman Antkowiak: The ZBA is still dealing with the piece of property on Folkert and Holland, which is an existing legal non-conforming light industrial property. They were going to have a meeting in December, but the Appellate requested a postponement of the meeting because his wife is expecting a child near the meeting date and requested postponing same until January.

Also, he advised the Commissioners that he visited Ron Nelson at MediLodge. He stated that if anyone had the opportunity to stop by and visit Ron, he knows Ron would truly appreciate the visit.

**10. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Chairperson DeBoyer: The Township Board did pass a resolution of recognition for Ron Nelson. He spent 28 years as either a member or Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. That is quite a record and quite a dedication to the Township. We should all be appreciative of people who are willing to donate their time for that period of time for the good of the Township.

The St. Clair County Metro Planning has canceled their December meeting. So, the information that is going to them on the re-zoning of the property at 2669 Columbine Road on Harsens Island will not get to them for a decision until January 16, 2008. So, it will be the second meeting in February before it gets back to the Clay Township Board.

**11. PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Lyle: Questioned the status of the Brisbay property?

Chairperson DeBoyer: Stated that in all honesty she did not know since it is an enforcement situation and is not something that the Planning Commission gets involved in. She suggested that he could stop in and speak with the Building Administrator regarding this.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

Chairperson DeBoyer: Wished everyone safe, happy holidays and a wonderful New Year.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Lines, supported by Lyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**AYES: All            NAYS: None**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Holcomb  
Recording Secretary