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# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 22, 2014

### **Call to Order:**

The April 22, 2014 Baldwin Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Judy Thorson at 7:00 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Commissioners Peggy Patton, Ross Perry, Terry Carlile and Judy Thorson were present. Commissioner Richard Harris was absent. Planner Bridget Chard was in attendance as well as Town Board Supervisor Liaison Randy Atwood. Deputy Clerk Cheryl Goetz Dobson took the minutes. The audience sign-in sheet is attached.

### **Move to Approve/Amend Agenda:**

- Table Plan/Goals//Objectives
- Review May 21, 2014 as second meeting
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*Commissioners Patton/Ross unanimous to approve agenda as amended.*

### **Claim Forms:**

The Claim Forms were passed out and returned to the Deputy Clerk.

### **Secretary's Report:**

**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10.April.14/Move to Approve:**  
*Commissioners Carlile/Patton to approve the Planning Commission minutes of April 10, 2014. Motion carried with Commissioner Harris absent.*

### **Handout Signed 13.March.14 and 20.March.14 Approved Minutes to Planning Commission:**

The signed and approved minutes of March 13, 2014 and March 20, 2014 were distributed in order to be added to the commission books.

### **Public Input:**

Chuck Nagle asked 'When will the meeting be when this Planning Commission talks about what they envision for the future of Baldwin Township?'

Elaine Philippi informed the commission that there will be a citizen's group meeting on May 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Princeton Library to discuss private property rights versus neighborhood rights. She also said that the Baldwin Volunteer Corps will work with the Planning Commission with their open house meetings.

**Communications from Town Board/Liaison:**

**BR&E Status:**

The Town Board has created an informal task force headed by Supervisor Holm to explore potential interest in the BR&E program.

**Old Business and Reports**

**County Proposed Amendments/Review and Comment:**

Sherburne County Planning and Zoning have asked Haven, Clear Lake, Baldwin, Becker and Big Lake townships to discuss and provide feedback on whether modifications are needed to the Mississippi River Wild & Scenic Ordinance. Planner Chard clarified the questions by thoroughly explaining what the question was, the background,, definitions of home business and home occupation as well as state rules, CUP's and IUP's. As to question 1: Should the County amend the Scenic and Recreational Use District in regards to Home Businesses on residential lots? *A motion was made by Commissioner Thorson to recommend to the town board to comment to Sherburne County to allow home occupations. With no second the motion failed. Commissioners Patten/Carlile motioned to recommend to the town board to comment to Sherburne County to allow both home occupations and home businesses in accessory structures but with a restrictive list. With Commissioner Thorson opposed, the motion carries on a three ayes to one nay vote. Absent: Commissioner Harris.*

As to question 2: Should the County look at allowing outbuildings (accessory structures) on parcels without a primary home? *Commissioners Patten/Carlile unanimous to recommend to the town board to comment to Sherburne County to leave the ordinance as is. Clarification that this is related to residential property only.*

**Driveway Standards/Begin Review:**

Planner Chard reviewed possible changes and/or clarifications to Baldwin Township Ordinance No. 100 (An Ordinance Regulating Town Road Right of Ways) and Ordinance No. 500 (An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 100 Related to Use of Right-of-Ways by Utility Providers). Chard offered recommendations including have Road Maintenance review and consider the beginning stages of the permit; then have only a review by the Engineer in order to save some expenses.

**Goals/Objectives/Begin Completion:**

Tabled.

**Identify Research Components/Responsibilities for Completion:**

A sheet identifying which commissioners were responsible for each component of the comprehensive plan was handed out.

**New Business**

**4R Board Park Meeting:**

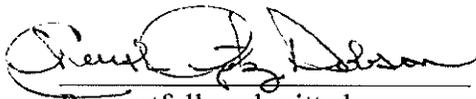
*Commissioners Patton/Thorson motion to have Commissioner Carlile attend with pay the 4R Board meeting in Commissioner Harris' place. With Commissioner Carlile abstaining the motion carries on a three ayes and 1 abstention vote. Commissioner Harris absent.*

**Agenda Items for Next Month:**

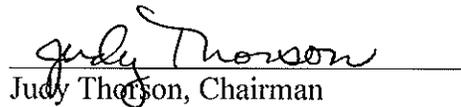
- Plan Review with Objectives that are Completed
- Meetings in May/Schedule
- Tentative Open House/Begin at End of May, 2014/BVC to Work on Setting Up

*Commissioners Carlile/Patton unanimous to approve May 21, 2014 as the second meeting in May.*

*Adjourn – Commissioners Carlile/Ross unanimous to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. with the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.*



Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Goetz Dobson  
Deputy Clerk



Judy Thorson, Chairman

Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_