

DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Goodall, Hayhoe, Leaf, O'Hara, Todd, Warfield, Zietlow
MEMBERS ABSENT: Weaver
STAFF PRESENT: Malone, Miller

Chairperson Warfield opened the meeting at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda: None

Approval of June 28, 2010 Planning Commission Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Zietlow and seconded by Commissioner Craig to approve the June 28, 2010 meeting minutes with one correction, as noted.

A Voice Poll was recorded as follows: All Ayes

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): None

Millage Presentation to the Planning Commission – John Elsinga, Township Manager & Richard Royston, Township Fire Chief

Ms. Miller introduced John Elsinga, Township Manager and Richard Royston, Fire Chief to the PC members. Mr. Elsinga reviewed the information regarding the upcoming millage proposal of 1.5 mils each for the Police and Fire Departments. Chief Royston spoke about the fire department and the need for the full time employees and the level of service that is provided to patients.

Introduction of “Urban Chicken Ordinance”

Ms. Miller reviewed the memo that was prepared by staff and supplied in the PC meeting packet. She stated there is a renewed interest in sustainable practices, such as planting gardens and raising chickens. A tabulation of potential “pros” and “cons” was reviewed.

There was discussion about how, if urban chickens were permitted, the Zoning Ordinance amendments might be structured.

The idea was brought up to put a survey on the Township website to get an idea about how people feel about the topic. It was discussed that although this is likely possible, it would be difficult to get a true sense of how residents would feel about it until draft ordinance language was prepared.

Commissioner O'Hara brought up the idea to talk to MSU Poultry teaching center to gather more information. Ms. Miller stated that she felt this was a great idea and that she would try to do so.

Discussion:

The DDA has demolished a few homes and cleaned up property in the DDA district along Cedar Street.

At the August 9th meeting, staff anticipates presenting some information about the proposed roundabouts for the PC's information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Weaver
Secretary

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