

# Florence Township Long-Range Planning Commission

## Minutes – 11/12/07

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jan Bruce at 7:00 pm. Members present were Jan Bruce, Ben Boege, Vern Genzlinger, Lowell Noreen, Rick Janka, Kristen Eide-Tollefson, and Brian Schreiber. Members not present were: Joe Ellingson, and Eric Stensrud. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the October 8 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. Motion by Vern, seconded by Lowell.

**Unfinished Business:** With a change in staff, 1000 Friends of Minnesota and the Community Growth Council will not be presenting an update of the Florence Township Regulatory Assessment, dated September 17, 2007. The Community Growth Council has a person (Ben Oleson) to continue the work that has been accomplished to this date. In order to allow time for Ben to become informed with the Assessment, it was decided to have a group discussion with Goodhue County Zoning Office personnel, 1000 Friends, and representation from Florence Township. A date is being scheduled.

Terms of service for three members of the Commission will expire at the end of the year. They are: Rick, Ben, and Joe. They have been asked to continue to serve another term. Motion by Kristen, seconded by Lowell to reappoint Rick, Ben, and Joe for a three year term and make that recommendation of approval to the Township Board. Motion approved.

**New Business:** Tom Johnson presented a plan for a property split and development in Old Frontenac – Luwarden Addition. He is asking for ideas and suggestions for a plan that will make the best use of the property and be in compliance with the historic area of Old Frontenac. This proposal has not been presented to the Heritage Commission, but he has been in contact with Goodhue County for their input. When a final plan has been designed, he will again present the proposal to the Commission.

The Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance has been updated and printed copies are available. It was recommended to make 15 copies and give each Commission member a copy and also give copies to the Township Board. It was also suggested to ask someone from the County to attend our December meeting and discuss the changes, updates, and issues of concern related to county zoning regulations. Kristen agreed to provide refreshments.

An issue was discussed as to how the Commission can get other groups of the Township more involved in the process of land use management and how they can compliment the Township Comp. Plan. One suggestion was to have projects of interest for the betterment of the Township where groups can be involved in an activity – like lake shore cleanup along Lake Pepin, or contacting the Sportsman Club for ideas related to their interest.

Question was asked about Heritage Commission and if they have any control or regulation on development, housing design in Old Frontenac? The Heritage Commission now township wide and like the Planning Commission can only advise the Township Board who has the decision making authority.

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How records are kept and how Township information is stored and/or made available to the residents of the Township was discussed. Lowell agreed to serve as the Township Recorder and Website Administrator. He will explore ways of how this can be handled and will serve as a contact person so that the information can be gathered in an efficient manner.

With no other business items to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Vern, seconded by Lowell.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Schreiber  
Recording Secretary