

JOINT PLANNING COMMUNION MEETING
COLFAX TOWNSHIP, WELDON TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF
THOMPSONVILLE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 – 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Sue Meredith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following:

Present:

Colfax Twp.	Weldon Twp.	Village of Thompsonville
Peg Minster	Sue Meredith	Debra Franke
Steve Heller(alt.)	Bryan Matthews	Pat Workman
	Don Suchock (alt.)	Eugene Allen

Absent:

Colfax Twp.	Weldon Twp.	Village of Thompsonville
Shelley Greene	None	None
Jack Richter		

The agenda was presented with no additions, deletions or corrections. Peg Minster made a motion to accept the agenda as presented which was seconded by Deb Franke. All ayes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Aug. 2, 2012 had been e-mailed. Peg Minster made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Deb Franke. Debra Franke made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Bryan Matthews. All ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

Zoning administrator - Discussion regarding a clause in the contract regarding the required liability insurance. Sue will contact Mr. Figura and ask that he put a clause in the contract.

Risk control survey – Peg gave an update to the group on the survey meeting with the Par Plan rep, J.Adair. She stated that he felt the JPC was doing the right thing and that we were on the right path and that things sounded good. She said they reviewed the “hot” buttons in Zoning and suggested we be mindful of those as we get in to the ordinance. Peg feels that this person would be good to have to a meeting as a speaker for this group. Deb commented that it was a good meeting as well.

Conflict of Interest (Ethic’s) workshop material – we reviewed the hand outs that Shelley had prepared for the group. Making everyone aware of how important ethic’s are and that we need to be mindful of that as we accept these public positions. Discussion.

Craig Meredith spoke of the on-going changes in the Natural Rivers Act by the State. They have changed the administrator position by having one(1) instead of five(5). He reminded us that it we should be mindful of that as we go in to our Zoning ordinance with the Betsie River.

Craig Meredith spoke about a workshop that he had attended in Cadillac on the upcoming zoning changes and passed out folders to each person with the information from that workshop. He encouraged all members to read it carefully. One point he wanted to make us aware of was the changes on the "cell towers". If we do not respond within 14 days it is an automatic "approval". He stated he is dealing with that issue right now with the tower out to Crystal Mtn.

There being no further business the chair asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Don Suchocki with a second by Peg Minster. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Our next scheduled meeting is Oct. 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Meredith
Acting Clerk