

Indian Lake Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reed at 6:02 PM.

Present – Don Reed, Chris Keiser, Bob Hanson, Fred Jones, Scott Hollern

Guests – Dick Stern, Tom O'Toole

Minutes of April 14, 2014 meeting reviewed, motion to approve by Don Reed, second by Bob Hanson, all ayes, motion approved.

Old Business:

Delaware Lot 11 Sewage Planning Module — Chairman Reed completed the action item of submitting the required paperwork for Sandra Upor's sanitary holding tank. Borough Council will discuss at next meeting.

Review and Possible Amendment of Ordinance 144 Lakefront Setback Requirements — The reasoning and history for varying setback distances for gazebos, pavilions, boat houses and boat lifts were discussed in depth. As no good reason could be found for the varying setback distances, the Planning Commission decided to recommend that the setback should be 10 feet for gazebos, pavilions, boat houses and boat lifts. Motioned by Chairman Reed, seconded by Bob Hanson. All ayes, motion approved.

Review and Possible Amendment of Ordinance 144 Grandfather Clauses — After in-depth discussion regarding the impact of sections 409 and 411 on overly burdensome Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) meetings, the Planning Commission agreed to recommend that section 411 of Ordinance 144 be deleted. Motion by Chris Keiser, seconded by Bob Hanson. All ayes, motion approved.

Following the same logic, the Planning Commission also found the last sentence of section 409 ("Such a determination shall be made and property certified by the Zoning Hearing Board prior to the issuance of a building or occupancy permit ") to be a root cause of unnecessary ZHB meetings. The Planning Commission resolved to recommend to the Borough Council to remove that sentence from 409. Motioned by Chris Keiser, seconded by Don Reed. All ayes, motion approved.

Review of Current Zoning Hearing Board Fees—The Planning Commission recommends that the Borough Council enact a staggered ZHB fee structure, with at least two tiers, based on the complexity of the zoning issue. Motioned by Chris Keiser, seconded by Don Reed. All ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

No new business.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Keiser, seconded by Scott Hollern, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher Keiser, Recording Secretary