

**Indian Lake Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reed at 6:00 PM.

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

Guests – Dick Stern

Minutes of the August 11th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bob Hanson, second by Don Reed, all ayes, motion approved.

Old Business:

Don Reed requested any input from the Planning Commission on the Planning Commission Annual Report. All Planning Commission members acknowledged receipt of the document and approval with no changes. Motion to approve by Chris Keiser, second by Scott Hollern. All ayes, motion approved.

New Business:

The Planning Commission has been tasked with reviewing the value and enforceability of the current tree cutting ordinance (Zoning Ordinance 144, Section 415). Four major issues were brought to light. One issue is that 'Timbering' restrictions are not allowed in Zoning Ordinances. The Borough may be losing money based on the Zoning Officer's time versus the \$10 permit fee. Another issue is that there is no truly objective direction for the Zoning Officer to select which trees should be cut. The fourth issue is that any restriction of a property owner's rights should be well considered before any abrogation of those rights.

Another point of discussion was whether the borough should reserve the right to enforce the removal of trees if they are diseased, dead or present a danger.

Don Reed noted that the Planning Commission's task was listed in the Community Notice section of the March 2015 issue of the Indian Lake Post, and that we may receive email comments from the public.

Don Reed recommended reviewing Section 415 of the 6/30/2010 Integrated Version of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance 155 and revisiting the issue at the next Planning Council meeting. Motion by Chris Keiser, second by Scott Hollern. All ayes, motion approved.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Keiser, seconded by Scott Hollern, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted: