

Indian Lake Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2015

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

Present – Don Reed, Chris Keiser, Bob Hanson, Scott Hollern,
Guests – Dick Stern. Tommy O'Toole

Minutes of the March 2nd, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bob Hanson, second by Don Reed, all ayes, motion approved.

Old Business:

Don Reed discussed the various feedback he had received regarding the restrictions on cutting or removing trees. Bob Marhefka, via email was adamant that we should not remove the restrictions on cutting trees. Terry St. Clair had proposed that commercial properties should be exempt from tree cutting restrictions, as many times forest maintenance is required. Lynn Shimer discussed the addition of ordinances that would require property owners to clear out deadwood and diseased trees. Patti Dewar wants to maintain restrictions that will prevent clear-cutting property.

Bob Hanson provided a copy of the PA MPC code that included a very clear paragraph that forestry activities, including but not limited to timber harvesting, be a permitted use by right in all zoning districts.

Dick Stern had discussed the covenant in many deeds that mirror the current Indian Lake tree cutting restriction. Some research from Bob Hanson found these deed clauses, though, none were found in the commercial property deeds.

Chairman Reed volunteered to write up all suggestions in an organized proposal for next month's meeting.

New Business:

No new business.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Keiser, seconded by Bob Hanson, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted: