

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: FINAL  
CASCADE TOWNSHIP – OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA  
January 17, 2012**

Commission members present: Michael Brown, Dan Frissora, Joe Kocer, Kevin Lenz, Arlen Heathman  
Guests Present: Gary Pedersen (TCPA)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Frissora

**OLD BUSINESS**

Com. Brown presented a review of the minutes from the November meeting.

Com. Brown moved to approve the minutes, as distributed, for the November 15, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. Lenz seconded. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Town Board Update*

Com. Heathman provided an update on activities at the town board. Of significance, the township has received an offer of approximately \$42K for the land to be taken and/or used by the 75th st traffic circle construction. The construction is expected to start in Spring 2012.

*2. Discussion of adding a Rural Service District to the Cascade zoning ordinance.*

Com. Brown distributed copies of the current Olmsted County Zoning Ordinance and copies of the initial draft of a new Cascade Township Zoning Ordinance as provided by TCPA.

Gary Pedersen of TCPA familiarized the board with the intent of RSD zoning and also the use of Interim permits as opposed to CUPs or Temporary permits. Significant discussion for understanding ensued.

The suggestion from TCPA and the Town Board Chair that the Planning Commission look at updating the zoning ordinance by starting from a fresh draft versus adding updates to the existing, 10 year old, ordinance was accepted as the course of action. To facilitate this update, Com. Brown volunteered to perform a section wise comparison of the TCPA provided draft to the current Olmsted County ordinance to highlight points of difference. Gary from TCPA will obtain from the county the Word version of the current county ordinance and forward to Com. Brown. Com. Brown will forward the resulting section comparisons to the commission member responsible for a review of that section. It was also agreed that the commission members in their review of their assigned sections would look for and correct typographic errors inherited from the county ordinance. The section assignments for the proposed draft are as follows:

Articles 1, 2, & 3	Com. Heathman
Articles 4, 5, 6, & 7	Com. Kocer
Articles 8 & 9	Com. Frissora
Article 10	Com. Lenz

Appendices

Com. Brown

The commissioners decided that the Cascade Township Zoning Ordinance re-write would explicitly identify those Articles and/or sections of the Olmsted County Zoning Ordinance to which the township has decided to defer.

Com. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Frissora. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.