

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: FINAL
CASCADE TOWNSHIP – OLMSTED COUNTY – MINNESOTA
May 15, 2012**

Commission members present: Michael Brown, Dan Frissora, Kevin Lenz, Arlen Heathman
Guests Present: Roger Irhke (TCPA), Bill Tointon (McGhie & Betts), Jenna Collins, Andrew Nelson
Julie Collins, Tami Olson, Steve Merry, Harold Atkinson

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Frissora

Com. Heathman moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as distributed. Frissora seconded, All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. River Highlands Subdivision

Roger Irhke of TCPA reviewed the staff recommendation and letter to the Planning Commission along with the key discussion points of the staff review of the final plat submission.

The property covenant's and well agreements have not yet been provided to TCPA at the time of the letter to the planning commission. The well agreement has since been provided and the covenants will be available well before the next town board meeting (per Bill Tointon).

The county surveyor has not yet completed the final review of the plat but no issues are anticipated.

Bill Tointon of McGhie & Betts addressed the commission to provide an update on the plat. To accommodate the potential future construction of the connectivity road to the Haack property, it is suggested that the easement be update to state that the utility easement is a drainage and utility easement. This will allow access for road construction on the property immediately adjacent to the road easement. . Roger Irhke of TCPA stated his agreement with this update.

Roger Irhke stated that the staff recommendation of TCPA is to approve the final plat as presented to the Planning Commission.

Com. Lenz moved to open the meeting for public comment. Brown seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Julie Collins inquired if the road in River Highlands would be a county or township road. The commission stated that it would be a township road.

Com. Brown moved to close the public hearing. Lenz seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Com Frissora moved to approve the final plat as submitted with the utility easement for the connectivity road changed to a utility and drainage easement. Brown seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update of Town Zoning Ordinance

The review of the draft zoning ordinance proceeded in an orderly fashion until article 10. This article will be reviewed at the next meeting of the planning commission. During the review it was decided that all the descriptive language for WECS would be removed from the individual articles and sub-sections and inserted in article 10 as boilerplate language referenced by each article/sub-section.

Com. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Heathman. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.