

HOMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2013

Present: Erna Varner, Sandra Simmons, John Stern, Rollin Yeakle, Greg Bate

Excused: Allen Richard, Darcie Johnson

Guests: Rob Eggers & Allan Bean with Spicer Group, Russ Varner, Craig Norton, John Pruiett, Sandra Turk

Call to Order: at 7:00pm by chairperson Simmons.

Agenda: Approved as distributed

Approval of minutes: March 18, 2013 planning meeting minutes approved as distributed. There was no planning meeting in April, 2013.

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Rob Eggers & Alan Bean distributed/discussed the first draft of materials related to Homer Township demographics updated through 2010 census including: population statistics, housing, income & employment, education, taxable values, community facilities-infrastructure & natural features, current maps showing roadways-wetlands/waterways-woodlands. All of these areas were discussed in detail and suggested changes/additions identified. The second major area of discussion was how to obtain resident input in the planning process. Options discussed were: on-line survey, open house, focus group meetings, facebook. The options selected were the on-line survey, open house and facebook. A proposed on-line survey tool was presented, reviewed and revised. A tentative date of 6/18/13 from 4-6:30pm for an open house was proposed and the structure of that meeting was discussed. Several options for the meeting site will be explored. It was decided that a postcard mailing to all residents announcing the open house will be done. Added advertising possibilities were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next meeting: **June 10, 2013 at 7pm.**

Submitted by Sandra Simmons, Chairperson

CC: R. Varner, K. Varner
(unapproved)

POSSIBLE FOCUS GROUPS IDENTIFIED FOR MASTER PLAN INPUT

BUSINESSES—M-20/MERIDIAN RD.

KJP	J JO	GANTEC	Westtown Groc.
Annabells	Kleinhans Nursery	Brennan Appl. Repair	County Connection
Mid-MI Repair	Mid-MI Landscaping	Bob's Detailing	Pawn shop
M-30 Storage	SPACE Studio	Quality Bump/Paint	Cheryl's Alterations
Mom's Storage	Cozy Café	Chippewa Auto	Howl-A-Day
Secure Com	Country Hardware	Suderman's Car Care	Shell/Grocery

CULTURAL/SPIRITIAL/EDUCATIONAL/RECREATIONAL

All churches in township	CNC	USDA office
ETC	1016	
All schools in township	Girls/Boys Softball	
Studley Grange	Pratt House (Creative 360)	

OPINION LEADERS (Cover range of interests/ages-in/outside of township)

Ed Ballor	Ken Schlafley	John Hanson	Jim Mineth
Julie Atkinson	Chad Moody	Nick Stamas	Shannon Killinger
Lester Varner	Barb Radosa	Jim Leigeb	Gwen Breault

AGRICULTURAL

Stern	Hartman	Ittner	Varner	Arbury
Mudd	Reinke			