

**HOMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Present: Darcie Johnson, Erna Varner, Sandra Simmons, John Stern, Greg Bate
Excused: Rollin Yeakle
Guest: Allen Richard

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

Guest and planning commission candidate, Allen Richard, introduced.

Approval of minutes: Jan. 7, 2013 planning meeting minutes approved as distributed.

Communications: Simmons stated she had stopped at Gantec to welcome them to Homer Township. She reviewed what they do and referred members to the Gantec website.

Old Business: each candidate being considered to lead the master plan revision was reviewed by each commission member which was followed by a general discussion and voting. Spicer Group received 5 first place votes (Johnson, Stern, Bate, Yeakle, Simmons) and 1 second place vote (Varner); Crescent Consulting received 1 first place vote (Varner), 3 second place votes (Johnson, Yeakle, Simmons), 2 third place votes (Stern, Bate); Rowe Services received 0 first place votes, 2 second place votes (Stern, Bate), and 4 third place votes (Johnson, Varner, Yeakle, Simmons), Landpland received 0 votes. The planning commission will recommend Spicer Group for approval at the Feb. township board meeting.

New Business: **1**-New member candidate, Allen Richard, interviewed by commission members. All commission members supported Allen Richard to be recommended for appointment to the planning commission at the Feb township board meeting.
2-Fireworks ordinance will not be discussed as the township board has indicated they do not see a need and the ordinance proposed by the county is being revised.
3-Review/revision of the zoning ordinance regarding Outdoor Junk Storage will be considered when the zoning ordinance is revised following master plan update.
4-Discussion of possible 'focus groups' to meet with during master plan update began by identifying the following 4 potential groups: **1**- M-20 Businesses (to include all along M 20 in Homer Township); **2**-Cultural/Spiritual/Educational/Recreational; **3**-Meridian Rd. input; **4**- Opinion leaders. A beginning list of possible participants for each group is attached and will be discussed at the next planning meeting and with the consultant.

Next meeting: now scheduled for March 4 but date may change.

Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Sandra Simmons, Chairperson

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

Attachment to Planning Commission meeting minutes of 2/11/2013

A first attempt to begin identifying input for updating township master plan. In addition to possible focus groups there will be various means of obtaining input from every resident.

POSSIBLE FOCUS GROUPS IDENTIFIED FOR MASTER PLAN INPUT

M-20 Businesses

KJP	J JO	GANTEC	Westtown Groc.
Annabells	Kleinhans	Brennan	County Connection
Sudermans	Reinke	Bob's Detailing	Pawn shop
Shell	SPACE	Quality Bump/Paint	Cheryl's Alterations
			Mom's Storage

Cultural/Spiritual/Educational/Recreational

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

Opinion Leaders (must cover range of ages/interests)

Ed Ballard	Ken Shafley
Julie Atkinson	Chad Moody
Lester Varner	

Meridian Road

Hardware store

??? Other Groups/People ???