

HOMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2014

Present: Erna Varner, Sandra Simmons, Greg Bate, Darcie Johnson, Joel Marshall,
John Stern, Allen Richard

Guests: Kevin Varner,

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

Agenda: Approved with added topics: GAAMP's revisions, need for blight regulation,
review of SB 846

Approval of minutes: April 7, 2014 minutes approved as distributed.

Public Comments: None

Communications: None

Old Business: Greg Bate is the new planning commission member appointed to ZBA.

New Business: **1**-Copy of new Scrap metal law distributed, need to incorporate it into our current junk yard ordinance. **2**-No adopted legislation on marijuana growing facilities yet. **3**-Anticipated master plan completion time frame reviewed. **4**-Discussed need for ordinance to regulate blight/trash/junk in general. **5**-Distributed revised GAAMP's regulations related to urban farming-need to incorporate into zoning ordinance. **6**-brief review of SB 846 regarding liquor licenses available to townships over allotted limits. **7**- Discussion of what revisions are needed in current zoning ordinance and how to approach with following recommendations: **a**-just revised 2 years ago so now only need updates in certain areas, **b**-need to keep regulation wording simple and concise, **c**-need to review current multiple sections for housing and commercial options and determine if continue or revise, **d**-definitions need to be expanded, **e**-signs section needs simplification, **f**-based on the board's recommendation to decrease the cost for the use of consultants it was proposed that consultant use should be limited to an initial review of our ordinance with recommendations for changes and a sharing of other comparable communities zoning ordinances, availability for questions/guidance in problem areas, review of proposed final draft. This means that the planning members would be assuming major responsibility for the review, revision and all steps leading to final adoption.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by Sandra Simmons, Chairperson
CC: R. Varner, K. Varner