

Town of Herman Planning Commission
1/25/10 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Herman Planning Commission met at the Town Hall on January 25, 2010. Commission members present were Joe Thelen, Howie Schultz, Bob Korth, and Joe DeBaker. Lyle Grosskopf and Ray Heinritz were also present.

Chairman Thelen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

It was noted that the meeting had been properly posted at the Gresham Post Office, Leopolis Post Office, Pederson's Bar, and the Town Hall.

Howie Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee as e-mailed. Motion carried.

The ZCAC summary of the residential districts and standards priorities exercise, which was completed last month, was reviewed. DeBaker noted that our responses were in general agreement with the consensus on all questions except one issue concerning recreational vehicles. DeBaker also noted that there was more diversity of opinion on these issues than for the questions concerning Open Lands. This greater diversity had also been noted on our committee.

The committee next completed the Priorities Exercise on Non-residential districts and standards. DeBaker will turn in our consensus ratings at the next ZCAC meeting. A copy of our priorities is attached.

The committee next discussed a list of nine questions concerning Administration and Procedures that will be covered at the next ZCAC meeting. There was general agreement among committee members that we would like to see Town Board involvement in re-zoning, conditional use permits, and variance requests, even though that will result in less streamlining of these processes. DeBaker stated that he felt he got a good feel for the sense of the committee that he can take to the ZCAC meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the Farmland Preservation programs and their effect on AG-1 and AG-2 zoning districts. The committee did not come to any conclusions.

We discussed the material that we received concerning LESA (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment). General consensus was that LESA could be a good tool for "big or complex" issues, but that it could be excessively burdensome for single family, two family, and farm or forestry buildings. Committee felt we need to know more about the purpose of LESA.

Motion to adjourn by Schultz. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Joe DeBaker
Secretary