

## **Torrey Planning Board**

Monday, May 18, 2009

Present: Floyd Hoover , Elaine Thiesmeyer , Dave Christiansen , Jack Hessney , Sam Selwood , Dave Granzin , Linda Lefko

Others: Colby Petersen , John Ghidiu

Chairman Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes were read and Elaine moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Linda , passed. Elaine requested that an addendum to the agenda be put in regarding a report on the fly ash pile tour.

**Report on Zoning Revision Committee:** Dave Granzin reported that they are currently working on the uses for various zoning districts. Some of the revision sections have been parceled out to members for work. The hope is that the committee will be done by the end of the summer.

Elaine made a motion that the Planning Board request that the Town Board draw up a plan of work based on the recommendations and time table in the Comprehensive Plan and begin to implement needed changes. Seconded by Sam Selwood , passed with 1 abstention.

**Agricultural Advisory Committee Report:** Floyd reported that he met with Colby Petersen to discuss additional member possibilities and scope of tasks. Colby is speaking with Tim Christensen , Mike Schnelle & Tom Eskilden . Colby reported that they see it as a reactive group – When something agriculturally significant needs attention in the Town they will react – not proactive. Elaine made the point that when the committee was proposed this winter one of the first things the Planning Board requested was that they get the Right to Farm Law passed in the Town of Torrey . Colby pointed out that farmers are generally quite busy and not involved in committee work. (scope not resolved.) Colby reported that Gene Wilson received his Farmland Protection Grant.

Linda and Dave and Sam discussed the tour of the fly ash pile and AES. Sam 's concern after the tour is if and when AES plant goes out of business, who is going to be responsible to maintain the ash mountain ? If DEC testing shows there is a problem, who will take care of it ?

### **Review of Steep Slope Law:**

Discussion was led by Jack and Colby. Various changes in 5/7 draft were discussed and a few additions and corrections were made. Elaine made the motion to approve the steep Slopes Law contingent on receipt of proposed changes in law and application. Seconded by Dave Granzin , motion passed unanimously. Sam brought up the question as to whether the steep slopes law should be included in the zoning code or as a stand alone law. Colby will ask this at the Town Board meeting Tuesday May 20. Also under discussion was whether the Site Plan Review should be written as a separate law and should PUD be incorporated into the zoning code. Dave C said he felt these were legal questions and Colby will task the Town Board with finding out.

In Ongoing Business, Dave C indicated that the Docking and Mooring Law from Keuka really isn't pertinent to Seneca lake because it is totally a different entity, not part of the inland waterway and not subject to the same federal guidelines. Linda will contact Marion Balshak and see what is being done on Seneca and see if there are any laws currently in place.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Carter Lefko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'C'.

Linda Carter Lefko