

**Leighton Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes**

Date: January 14, 2009

Members Present: Al Zuidema, Scott Chestnut, Louis Murray, Harry DeHaan,  
Dave Wright, Ron Schrotenboer

Members Absent: Brian Martin

Others Present: Mark Sisson (Township Planner) and Kevin DeKam(Township Supervisor)

**Art. 1 Chairman Zuidema** called a Regular Meeting of the Leighton Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 pm at the Leighton Township Hall.

**Art. 2 Minutes –**  
Minutes of the December 10, 2008 were approved as presented.

**Art. 3 Public Comments – None**

**Art. 4 Inquiry of Conflict – None**

**Art. 5 Public Hearing – None**

**Art. 6 New Business –**

**a. Election of Officers**

Chairman Zuidema opened the floor to nominate officers for the Leighton Township Planning Commission.

Motion by Schrotenboer, supported by Chestnut to nominate Al Zuidema for Chairman of the Planning Commission.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Motion by Chestnut, supported by Schrotenboer to nominate Dave Wright for Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Motion by Chestnut, supported by DeHaan to nominate Ron Schrotenboer for Secretary of the Planning Commission.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Motion by Chestnut, supported by Murray to approve the slate of officers for the Planning Commission Board for 2009.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

**b. Annual Report -**

Mark Sisson handed out a draft of the 2008 Planning Commission Annual Report. The PC members need to review the summary and discuss any changes at next month's meeting. The final summary will be presented to the Township Board.

**c. Priorities/Work schedule –**

Discussion ensued with PC members to decide which tasks to prioritize for 2009.  
Mark will bring the updated list to February's meeting.

**Art 7. Unfinished Business –**

**a. Adopt By-laws**

Motion by Murray, supported by Wright to adopt the Leighton Township Planning Commission By-laws as presented.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

**b. Parks/Recreation**

David Wright presented an update about the interest in Parks/Recreation. He had talked to Don Hilton to see if there was any interest in donating land for a park. Wright was not optimistic. Discussion ensued with regard to what other options the Township has for a possible park. The next steps will be to try to get the Township Board to endorse the preparing of a Parks and Recreation plan and then for them to form a committee to get the process started. Sisson will put together a proposal, which can then be presented to the Township Board as part of the annual report.

**Art. 8 Other Business – None**

**Art. 9 Public Comment –** (comments are welcome from the public and limited to five minutes)

**Art.10 Commissioners Comments –**

- a. ZBA Update - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Harmon, Recording Secretary  
Leighton Township Planning Commission