

# **Leighton Township Planning Commission Minutes**

Date: April 9, 2008

Members Present: Al Zuidema, Brian Martin, Scott Chestnut, Harry DeHaan

Members Absent: Louis Murray(with Notice), David Wright(with Notice),  
Ron Schrotenboer (without Notice)

Others Present: Mark Sisson (Township Planner), Bob Jones (PCI), and  
8 interested persons

**Art. 1 Chairman Zuidema** called a Regular Meeting of the Leighton Township Planning Commission to order at 7:52 pm at the Leighton Township Hall.

**Art. 2 Minutes** –  
Minutes of the March 12, 2008 were approved as presented.

**Art. 3 Public Comments** – None

**Art. 4 Inquiry of Conflict** – None

**Art. 5 New Business**

- a. Byron Center Bank presented an updated plan for landscaping at the new branch in Moline. Mark Sisson, Township Planner, reviewed the site plan modifications and conditions of approval that were recommended by the Site Plan Review Committee, with regard to the placement of trees and shrubs.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Martin to approve the request, with the modifications and conditions made by the Site Plan Review Committee.

**All aye/Motion Carried**

- b. Thomas Nguyen requested information from the Planning Commission on regulations pertaining to a meditation center. Location of this center would be in an AG Zone, which does not support this request. There would be building code and zoning enforcement issues.

Mr Nguyen wanted to know what steps he would need to take to request a re-zone to R3 and a special use permit for a church type accommodation. They would like to talk to someone that can guide them through the next steps. Enforcement at this point is at the direction of the Township Board. A meeting should take place with Spencer Moore, Township Supervisor. They should also meet with PCI, Bob Jones, Kirk Scharphorn and Mark Sisson.

**Art. 6. Unfinished Business –**

**a. Zoning Ordinance Review**

Discussion ensued with Mark Sisson, Township Planner and the Commission regarding changes for R3 and Permitted Uses in AG & R1 Districts. Tabled for next month.

**Art. 7 Other Business –None**

**Art. 8 Public Comments – None**

**Art.9 Commissioners Comments – None**

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Chestnut, Recording Secretary  
Leighton Township Planning Commission