

# Community Planning Team

Minutes from Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Members Present: Rod Steele, Joel Knox, Morgan Hansen, Karen Doll, Madge Alberts, Dale Thomforde, Richard Miller, Rob Warneke, Kim Fall, John Champa

1. Meeting called to order at 7:25pm.
2. Updates
  - Milton township (Madge) – 1 resident hired a drainage company for property work and the company left a pipe sticking out, eroding ditch. Soil and Water said to do it this way.
  - Pine Island township (Richard) – still no settlement with Zumbrota on fire district. Will keep working on it. Pine Island township wants yearly review of rates and if additional Zumbrota annexation a revised agreement. City of Zumbrota doesn't agree but other townships do. PI township will be pulling out if no agreement. Pine Island fire dept would be willing to cover them.
  - New Haven township (Dale) – Pine Island School decided not to have referendum in March and they are happy with that decision as it would have resulted in conflicts with their annual meeting. They may still have a problem if Byron decides to go ahead with a vote in March. After discussion of the voting process, the suggestion was made by Madge to have township judges in May as they know the borders. Also, just one polling place.
  - School (Kim in Tammy's absence) – once again the community provided outstanding support for the Pine Island football team on their journey to state. More facility work has been done, and an update on that will come later in the meeting.
  - Park Board (Joel) – they are wondering what to do with flood buy-out property. Joel believes some professional advice would be helpful so he is looking at Dan King's RFP for Zumbrota to learn more. They want to capitalize on the trail, and there are many many ideas so guidance is needed. Rod noted that they have \$3,000 per lot for landscaping. His thought is to put a limited use on the flood property and then use the parking lot (no restrictions) for improvements. The other item the park board is working on is the pool. The city has decided to put it on hold until a decision is made for the school. Most likely would be fall for any type of vote.
  - Library (Morgan) – Lots in the works. The other Dodge County directors and Morgan are working on improving the relationship with Dodge County commissioners. This may help with funding. Morgan is working with the director from Zumbrota on getting the newspaper digitized – need grant funding. It was noted by a couple of members that it may be the right time for the library board to potentially meet with school representatives to discuss any possible collaboration for facilities. Morgan agreed and will arrange a meeting and include John, Rob, Tammy and Kim. Rod noted that he would also be interested in participating.

- EDA (Karen) – Positive items in progress. Envirolastics is still interested in Tower property for a 75,000 sq ft facility with 100 jobs. The EDA has been working with the city, school and county to have the best solution for the school. The EDA web site is almost ready. There is a new business coming o town in the Bollman building called “Made in MN – it features an art/gallery concept. They hope to open mid December.
3. School Facilities Report – John, Rob and Kim provided an update on facility progress. John reiterated that the task force work was very successful. He was pleased with the diversity and commitment of the group. Many good ideas were generated along with a lot of excellent discussion. Kim outlined the guiding principles that the board utilized during their retreat in identifying the optimal solution. Rob outlined the solution that the board put together in the retreat. Question 1 could potentially be a new Pre-K to 4 elementary school along with substantial investment in the current facility (over 9 million dollars to remove the 1934 and 1959 buildings and associated deferred maintenance costs and build a brand new STEM campus building along with a secure entrance and additional modifications for HS and MS). Question 2 could potentially be a 600 seat auditorium on the current site (where the 1934 building is) along with a new sports facility that would house football, track and soccer. John noted that the site evaluation team has been looking at potential sites and will bring a recommendation to the board soon. John also noted that, based on the timeline, the board will vote to take official action at the meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  4. City (Rod) – There is now live broadcast of the city council meetings. They are available on Channel 7 for the following week as well as in the library archives. There have been multiple conversations with multiple parties regarding 125<sup>th</sup> street. The current timeline is 2018-2019 and the city has asked them to move it up. Tower has also been involved in discussions regarding 125<sup>th</sup>. 4 parcels have been purchased on the East Frontage road for right of way for the frontage road/roundabout. The Bushman house is for sale and must be moved. 2014 project – commitment to DOT. Aiming for August 2014 for completion. Rod has been working with Joel on flood buy out options.
  5. CPT Discussion – Karen noted that it’s important for CPT, not just board members, to communicate district plans and impacts. Karen is still waiting to hear back from the Lions, but wondering if January will still work to present. John suggested keeping the January time unless they need to move it back. Madge suggested holding a meeting at Milton town hall for questions and answers. It was suggested that we discuss a communication plan in more detail at our December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If possible, Tammy should be prepared to discuss what (if any) budget is available for communication.
  6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Morgan will take notes at the next meeting.