

DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Donaldson, Hayhoe, Leaf, O'Hara, Warfield, Weaver,
Zietlow
MEMBERS ABSENT: Goodall
STAFF PRESENT: Malone, Miller

Chairperson Craig opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda: Correction was made to the date of February 8th minutes to read "2010" not "2009".

Approval of February 8, 2010 Planning Commission Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson and seconded by Commissioner Warfield to approve the February 8, 2010 meeting minutes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): None

Wetland Protection Ordinance Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – No. 118

Ms. Miller introduced the Wetland Ordinance and explained the process that would be used for review and adoption of the Ordinance. reasons why it should begin at the PC level. She also explained the Wetland Ordinance Review & Adoption Process and the procedures that need to be followed, beginning the publishing of the Wetland Ordinance draft map. The timeline of these steps was also explained.

The Wetland Ordinance draft map areas that wereas discussed in detail, including description of the were the aquifer recharge areas and the potential conservation areas. Wetlands in those designated areas are very likely to go through the whole process and permitting.

There was also discussion on how the information was being delivered to the community, who would be affected the most, costs of the program and delivery of permits to the State. Some different potential permitting scenarios were discussed by the PC to help everyone understand the proposed Ordinance and associated process.

Commissioner Donaldson questioned about treating the ponds for weeds and/or color. Ms. Miller stated that Tthis is not addressed in the wetlands ordinance.

Ms. Miller informed the PC the Township Attorney Attorney has read the proposed ordinance and has fully endorsed it.was involved in the drafting of the Ordinance.

Commissioner O'Hara brought up the topic of mitigation and how and when this would be handled. There was discussion about the current Ordinance language, which implies that mitigation would be required for all wetland activity. There was consensus that this should be changed to require Mitigation would be required if you are talking about when more than ¼ acre of wetland is involved. This should be included in the ordinance.

Commissioner Leaf questioned about appeals and when do you move to that process and what board would handle it. The Ordinance currently has the Township Board as the body to hear appeals. Many different ideas were discussed and the merits of each option were reviewed. It was agreed that there would be some additional research done by staff on this topic..

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Zietlow
Secretary