2010 Annual Report

Indian Lake Planning Commission

Purpose:

The Municipalities Planning Code requires the Planning Commission to issue a report annually. The report is due by March 1 of each year, covering the previous year's activities. There are no prescribed formats or detailed requirements. This report covers CY 2010.

This report is presented in topical rather than chronological format so as to complement the published minutes (chronological).

Membership:

As a result of the Nov 09 elections, 3 sitting PC members would be also Council members in 2010, a situation not allowed by the MPC. Paul Cornez offered his resignation effective 31 Dec 09 in order to resolve this issue.

Don Reed was appointed to replace Paul on 4 Jan 2010.

Officers:

Mr. Hanson remained as Chairman and Robert Vogel as Vice Chair throughout 2010. Dick Brodt served unofficially as our recording secretary/minute-keeper.

Studies:

Unlike the past few years there were no major studies or reports issued in 2010.

Review of Zoning Ordinance:

Beginning in March, 2009 the Zoning Committee began publishing interim proposed amendments to Ordinance 144. In November 2009 Planning Commission was given the complete document for review and on 19 December 2009 a public hearing was held. Planning provided some comments to Council in January 2010. In June 2010 Planning provided Council with a draft document revision and revised draft Zone Map with all Planning and public comments incorporated, based upon specific Council direction.

Throughout the remainder of 2010 no comments were received and no action was taken on this ordinance revision.

Actions and Correspondence:

Action was taken and/or recommended on the following:

- Public comment from Northwinds Golf Course and T.L. Iseman on Ordinance 155.
- Comment from DCED and Somerset County Planning on Ordinance 155.
- Perigo Subdivision DEP Sewer Planning Module
- Musser Cove ReZoning, Subdivision DEP Sewer Planning Module
- Weitzel remediation DEP Sewer Planning Module
- Indian Lake Giolf Club Subdivision and DEP Sewer Planning
- Suggested Act 537 Plan revisions
- Balzer SFTF-HT submittal in lieu of Greenhouse
- Enhancements of the Planning Commission web site which contains surveys, discussion forums, and reference materials of use to members and the Community. Based on user feedback, in 2010 we combined this with the Borough web site for a simpler [single-sign-on] user experience.

Training:

No formal (certificate) training was attended. DCED (Puko) and Somerset County (Zearfoss) visited to provide on-site training/assistance on Zoning issues. DCED (Puko) provided telephone consultation on numerous occasions throughout 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

RS. Grand.