

Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

September 19, 2016

Present: Karen Storey, Jean Hamilton, Cito Hardy, Will Colgan, Sarah Albert

Agenda: Approval of minutes from previous meeting; Discuss Jens Hilke language; suggestions from last meeting

Approval of Minutes: Karen moves to approve minutes. Cito seconds. Approved.

Discussion of Jens Hilke:

- Will will look up definition of prime ag soil.
- Next meeting we will consider adding definition of prime ag soil to draft zoning.

- Section 6.2 1. Character of the Land: add reference to Jen's map and to state soils map.

- Section 6.2 2 Preservation of Existing Features
Land shall be subdivided and improved in reasonable conformity to existing topography in order to minimize grading, cut or fill, and, insofar as possible, to retain the natural contours, limit storm water runoff, and conserve the natural cover and soil. Due regard should be given to the preservation and protection of existing features, including but not limited to trees, prime agricultural soils, waterways and water bodies, rock outcroppings, steep slopes, unique geologic features, other natural resources, including significant wildlife habitat, and historic resources.

- Sarah is going to research Section 6.3 Natural Resource and Agricultural Land Protection 1)d. Avoid fragmentation...make provision for ongoing forest management after subdivision.

- Need to vote to incorporate these Definitions into draft zoning:
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat: remove (8) high elevation bird habitat. Make final decision once Jens' map is available.

- Forest Fragmentation: The division or conversion of contiguous forest into smaller pieces leaving remnant forest patches separated by non-forested lands or other land-use types that prevent feasible and practical forest management.

- Contiguous Forest: An area of 25 or more forested acres with either no roads or low densities of class four roads and little or no human development (buildings, parking areas, lawns, gravel pits).

- Wildlife Travel Corridor: A large area that permits the direct travel or spread of animals or plants from one area or region to another, either by the gradual spread of a species' population along the route or by the movement of individual several specific wildlife road crossing areas and is characterized by undeveloped forested corridors, including forest cover reaching to road rights of way, which serve to link large tracts of un-fragmented forest habitat.

Recommendation to wait for Jens' map to discuss.

Cito moves to adjourn. Jean seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM