



**Village of Three Oaks Planning Commission Mission Statement:**

Through the development of a comprehensive land use master plan and supportive zoning regulations, the Planning Commission will guide the future growth and development of the Village of Three Oaks in a manner that is economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially responsible, while preserving the atmosphere and charm that make the Village unique.

## **Village of Three Oaks Planning Commission (VTOPC)**

(Proposed) Public Hearing & Meeting Minutes

### **April 6, 2010 Meeting**

1. Call to Order: at 7:05 PM by Chair, Gene Svebakken.

Roll Call: Present: Zoe Elrick, Gary Miciunas, Bill Rattan, Gene Svebakken, & Jim Wisner.

2. Recognition of Visitors: David Gross (Mayor), Pat Yoder (Village Manager), and Steve Shimek.

3. Mtg. Minutes of Feb. 2, 10 by Elrick, **approved** (1<sup>st</sup> motion Rattan; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Wisner; all ayes).

4. Tonight's Agenda - **approved** (1<sup>st</sup> motion Rattan; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Wisner; all ayes).

5. Correspondence and Communications:

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 VTOPC meeting was canceled because not enough members could attend to establish a quorum.

The Village of Three Oaks now has a Village Manager, Pat Yoder.

Svebakken and Rattan have not heard back from the Three Oaks Township Planning Commission about the industrial park.

VTOPC has not heard back from the Pokagon Fund about financing a Planning Consultant. Village Manager, Pat Yoder, said that he'd correspond with the Pokagon Fund about the Planning Consultant project.

Community Garden Initiative. VTOPC thinks having a community garden will be beneficial for the Village. The land, that's now owned by Powell, between the old train station and Three Oaks Elementary, seems to be the best location for the garden at the moment. VTOPC members will further investigate about a community garden and will request a grant from the Pokagon Fund. (The Pokagon Fund previously made a generous grant to Chikaming's community garden project.)

VTOPC Financial Report: for Fiscal Year (Oct. 2009 to Sept. 2010): \$4100 is allocated

6. Report of Village Council and Zoning Board of Appeals representatives.

Mayor David Gross said that the Council has proposed to the Pokagon Fund a grant for up to 4 million dollars for upkeep of the Village's water system.

7. Scheduled Public Hearings: none at this meeting.

8. Old Business:

**Planning Consultant**

VTOPC has not heard back from the Pokagon Fund about financing a Planning Consultant. Village Manager, Pat Yoder, said that he will correspond with the Pokagon Fund to encourage them to grant the Planning Consultant project.

**VTOPC Bylaws**

VTOPC Bylaws, are they compliant with the 2008 Planning Enabling Acts? Village Manager, Pat Yoder, will wrap things up with Mayor and Village Attorney.

**Schedule of Master Plan Goals**

Bill Rattan handed out sheets that listed all the goals and objects of the current Master Plan. The VTOPC will use this list to keep track of progress and to make an action plan. Chair is arranging for the May 4, 2010 regular VTOPC meeting to include a member from various community groups, to help the Village become aware of the Master Plan's goals and objects, and hopefully, to have the community groups each select a goal and or objective to administer. Chair assigned the Secretary, Chair, and Village Manager to work together to write a general letter to each of the various community groups, inviting them to the May 4, 2010 VTOPC regular meeting. Also, Chair assigned Secretary to write about the May 4, 2010 meeting in a message in the South County Gazette. The May 4 2010 regular meeting is open to all Village residents and those with an interest in the Village. Welcome all.

9. New Business: None at this meeting.

10. Comment from the Public: None at this meeting.

11. Comment from the Members:

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Rattan is the "catch all" guy for the Village of Three Oaks website. If you have any websites, web pages, and or information that relate to the Village of Three Oaks, let Rattan know. He'll post it on the Village of Three Oaks website or link to it from the Village of Three Oaks website. E-mail Bill Rattan at [webmaster@threeoaksvillage.org](mailto:webmaster@threeoaksvillage.org)

12. Adjournment: at 7:55 PM (1<sup>st</sup> motion Rattan; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Wisner; all ayes.)

Meeting Notes Submitted by:

Zoe Elrick, Village of Three Oaks Planning Commission Secretary

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, **May 4**, 2010 at 7 PM at Village Hall  
Tuesday, **June 1**, 2010 at 7 PM at Village Hall