LPC Deletes Part C&A

Scio Township Land Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #18; January 5, 2006

I. Call to order

Lecommends Parks & Rec. Planal alled to order the regular meeting of the Scio Township Land

Bruce Manny called to order the regular meeting of the Scio Township Land Preservation Commission at 2:00 PM on January 5, 2006 in Scio Township Hall.

II. Roll call

B. Manny conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Deaver Armstrong, Allison Arscott, Kathy Knol, Irwin Martin, and Barry Lonik (consultant to Commission). Apologies were received from Leslie Desmond.

III. Addition to/Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent. The proposed agenda and update are attached to these minutes.

IV. Approval of minutes from meetings #17 (December 15, 2005)

Minutes from meeting #17 were approved by unanimous consent after corrections.

V. Public Comments

Doug Lewan, township planning consultant from Carlisle-Wortman and Assoc., addressed the LPC regarding parkland planning in the township. The activities of the township parks advisory committee were summarized for the LPC. Establishing the township master recreational and parkland plan will begin shortly and may require the input of the LPC. This process may take eight to ten months once it begins. This plan is necessary to apply for state grants for parks. The LPC requested periodic updates from A. Arscott, who sits on the planning commission, and/or D. Lewan.

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- a) Need for Scio Parks & Recreation Plan. See comments from D. Lewan during Public Comments. The LPC agrees that such planning should be undertaken.
- b) Parks recommendation to Scio BOT from LPC.
 - D. Armstrong moved that the LPC strongly recommends to the BOT that Scio Township develop and adopt a Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Seconded by K. Knol. The motion passed unanimously.
 - D. Armstrong moved that the Scio LPC Scoring System for Review of Potential Acquisitions be amended to delete Part C, Park and Recreation Land. I. Martin seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1.

VII. Consultant Report

The following topics a) and b) were conducted in CLOSED session as they pertained to potential land acquisitions.

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SCORING SYSTEM FOR REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ACQUISITIONS

The scoring system for review of potential land and easement acquisitions consists of two three land types, each with three major categories. The system is intended to identify high-quality natural, agricultural, and open space and park and recreation lands that are appropriate for protection through the Scio Township program. In addition to the points identified for each criteria, the Land Preservation Commission may employ up to discretionary points in each category to address factors not included.

SUMMARY OF CATEGORIES

- A. Agricultural Land
 - 1. Characteristics of the Land
 - 2. Context
 - 3. Acquisition Considerations

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By Open Space Land

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C. Park and Recreation Land (to be developed)

SCREENING /REVIEW CRITERIA

A. Agricultural Land

- 1. Characteristics of the Land
 - a. Soil Quality. Percent of the property with prime, unique or locally important soil types.

<60% low 60-80% medium >80% high

For scoring, divide number of acres of quality soils by total acres nominated to gain a percentage and then multiply that by 13 to produce the score.

b. Parcel Size.

<40 acres low 2 40-80 acres medium 3 >80 acres high 5