

## **Communities of Zionsville Area for Better Government**

### **Minutes of June 23 Meeting**

The meeting of June 23, 2007 of the Communities of Zionsville Area for Better Government was convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Meetinghouse located in Stonegate. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gene Thompson. Present at the meeting were board members Gene Thompson, Kevin Schiferl, Michael J Andreoli, Joe Turk, Alan Townsend, Jay Parks, Jim Longest and Allan Rachles. Steve Freeland was not in attendance.

Minutes of the June 9, 2007 organization meeting of the board were not yet available for review and adoption. The Chairman and Board confirmed the next meeting of the board to be on July 21, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Meetinghouse located at Stonegate. As a follow up to the organizational meeting, the board was advised that Ed Mitro, due to pressing family and other matters, would not be able to accept the nomination of Secretary to the Board and by motion, second and unanimous vote, Michael Andreoli, Assistant Secretary, was appointed Secretary to the board to prepare and handle Minutes and Public Notices. Mr. Mitro will remain available, as a resource person to assist the board in any matters consistent with his other pressing needs.

The following agenda items were considered:

**1. Funding-**

It was generally acknowledged that some expenses may be incurred by this Exploratory Committee. The topic of establishing a dollar amount as well as procedures for payment were discussed. As noted by the Chairman it would be helpful to the political entities involved to provide a projected budget so that expenses generally be budgeted and appropriated when necessary. Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the board authorized the preparation of a Funding Resolution to propose to the governmental units a maximum budget of \$30,000.00, equally divided 1/3 Zionsville, 1/3 Eagle Township and 1/3 Union Township. Accordingly, the maximum budgeted amount would be \$10,000.00 for each of the three units of government. The resolution shall contain reference to the statutory requirement that the town will initially fund the payments for expenses subject to reimbursement on an equal basis by the other governmental entities.

**2. Committees and Assignments-**

At the June 9<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting, six committees were discussed. Committees for Governance; Finance; Parks and Recreation; Land Use; Health Safety and Welfare and Infrastructure. Subsequent to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, additional email discussion occurred on whether an additional committee entitled "School Committee" would be needed or established. It was generally agreed that an additional committee would not be

necessary. Jim Longest discussed his thoughts that the committee would not be necessary but school input was vital to a number of subcommittees preparatory to making any form of recommendation to the governmental entities. In order to assure that school input would remain a vital part of any committee recommendation, it was proposed by Kevin Schiferl that the committees consist of a minimum of five members and in particular the committees dealing with Land Use Finance and Infrastructure have a designated school appointee to serve as a member of the committee. This would assure maximum school input on those committees that may have the greatest impact on the Zionsville School System. Accordingly, upon motion duly made, second and unanimously adopted, the subcommittees of Governance, Finance, Park and Recreation, Land Use, Health Safety and Welfare and Infrastructure were established. The members would consist of a minimum of five members with the finance, land use and infrastructure committees having one member from the school corporation. Jim Longest will talk to the school administration so that they would be in a position to appoint a member to these committees.

3. **Committee Memberships-**

On motion, second and unanimous adoption, the following committee memberships were established as follows:

**Governance-** Alan Townsend, Allan Rachles and Kevin Schiferl

**Finance-** Joe Turk, Allan Rachles and Gene Thompson

**Parks & Recreation-** Alan Townsend, Steve Freeland and Mike Andreoli

**Land use-** Jay Parks, Jim Longest, Kevin Schiferl

**Health Safety & Welfare-** Joe Turk, Steve Freeland and Gene Thompson

**Infrastructure-** Jay Parks, Jim Longest and Mike Andreoli

4. **Committee Discussions-**

General discussions were held at the meeting regarding the respective committees. As to the Governance Committee, Alan Townsend believed that the establishment of a timeline was fundamentally important along with trying to determine the make up of the new body and what effect this would or would not have on individual office holders. Alan was kind enough to submit a Memorandum done by one of his law clerks regarding the reorganization, which will prove helpful to the committee.

The overall goals of the Finance Committee were discussed. Specifically, Joe Turk talked about how and under what circumstance income or other taxation would shift. Kevin Schiferl wanted to echo a consistent theme to make sure that the general public understood that no tax burdens from one political subdivision can or will be shifted or passed along to another. Allan Rachles commented that he believed that an important function of a finance committee would be to earmark the efficiencies of scale, if any, which may be obtained by this reorganization. A need was discussed

about obtaining financial records from various entities and these would be requested by the committee.

The Land Use Committee was discussed and it was brought out that the Land Use Committee should, in part, work in cooperation with the new committee that has been established to review the Boone County Comprehensive Plan. Kevin Schiferl mentioned that the Land Use Committee will also review ordinances as well as organization as to how land use determinations may be presented and approved.

The Infrastructure Committee was discussed and Michael Andreoli suggested that the Infrastructure Committee and Land Use Committee would have to work very closely together. Infrastructure would include sewer, water, roads, streets, and importantly, how the land use would be supported and enhanced by providing essential infrastructure services.

The Parks and Recreation Committee was discussed and Jay Parks mentioned that one of the issues with regard to Park and Recreation was not just total land use allocated for parks, but the location and interconnectivity of the park system as this plays a major role on the use of the parks and how the park and recreation systems impact the quality of life.

Joe Turk discussed the role of the Health Safety and Welfare Committee that will include Fire, Police and Emergency Services. Several committee members engaged in discussion regarding the need to have the Health Department and other potential county agencies involved and their interests considered. The Health Department may also be an important resource for information regarding infrastructure and improvements, and namely whether property should develop through sanitary sewers or septic.

Upon Motion made, searched and unanimously adopted, the Meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael J. Andreoli**

