

MINUTES  
TOWNSEND MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MAY 9, 2013

Members Present

Sandy Headrick, Chair.  
Michael Talley, Mayor  
David Wietlisbach

Members Absent

Others Present

Shelia Moss  
Andy Morton  
Ron Palewski

ETDD Staff Representative: Joe Barrett

There were not enough members for a quorum, but some of the agenda items were reviewed and discussed. The following agenda items were discussed:

TOWNSEND MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS

Staff presented the revised bylaws of the planning commission for review. The members reviewed the bylaws and suggested some revisions. One of the revisions included a quorum being established when a majority of the members are present, which includes vacant positions. Staff will revise the bylaws further and submit for review at the next meeting.

REVIEW DRAFT OF ZONING AMENDMENT: SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR CARPORTS

The performance standards for permitting detached carports in established front yards as a conditional use/special exception were reviewed. The standards were discussed in detail. Following this discussion, the consensus of the members was to revise the standards to include specifying detached carports, provisions for side yards and the allowance of detached carports entirely within the front yard. The zoning amendment will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

SENATE BILL 129

Staff had been directed to provide some information on this recently passed bill. The bill is in regard to distilleries and the manufacture of beer with high alcohol content. The bill has passed both the house and senate, but has not been signed by the governor yet. Staff reviewed the information with the members. The bill includes a 45-day grace period that cities can opt out of the provisions to allow such uses. If a municipality does not pass a resolution during this grace period the allowance of this use is automatic. Some of the current requirements for beer sales were discussed in regard to distance requirements. After discussing in detail, the consensus of the members was to recommend that the city not opt out, but draft some performance standards for these types of uses for review. No action could be taken on this matter at this time.

SENATE BILL 279

This bill has also recently passed, but has not been signed by the governor. The law amends Title 6 pertaining to annexations. The law places a moratorium on annexations by initiative that is passed by ordinance for land uses as agricultural or residential activities. The moratorium is effective from April 2013 to June 2014.

At 7:35 PM, the meeting ended.