

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## November 18, 2003

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond McQuillan, Chairman; Robert Simmons, Richard Erhardt, Kenneth Strobel, Patrick Dunigan, Margaret Reason, Stephen Artz; Gordon Heins, Township Board Liaison; and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Hackett, Secretary.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman McQuillan on Tuesday November 18, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

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A motion was made by P. Dunigan, supported by G. Heins, to approve as written the October 21, 2003 minutes of the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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R. McQuillan, Chairman, gave instructions to the audience on giving names and addresses when speaking on issues before the Planning Commission.

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A motion was made by P. Dunigan, supported by G. Heins, to appoint S. Artz as acting secretary for the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Case # 03-11-0030 – Rezoning from Suburban Residential (RS-1) to Office (O-1) – 2508 Spring Arbor Rd. – W. Bruce Goldsmith Applicant – C.P.A. office.

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A public hearing was held on the request of W. Bruce Goldsmith of 103 North Wisner Street to rezone property located at 2508 Spring Arbor Road from Suburban Residential (RS-1) to Office (O-1). The property is currently owned by Ricky and Karen Goble of 2508 Spring Arbor Road.

Mr. W. Bruce Goldsmith, applicant, stated that he wished to move his accounting and tax preparation offices from the current location (103 N. Wisner) to the Spring Arbor Rd. property. He also stated that the four current employees would be relocating with him.

R. McQuillan, chairman, asked if the parking was adequate for employees and customers. Answer: Mr. Goldsmith stated that parking was adequate and the same as his present location.

G. Heins, member, asked if there would be any additions to the building. Answer: No, not at this time.

R. Erhardt, member, asked if additional ingress or egress would be added off McCain. Answer: No

Public Comment:

Vivian Rittenhouse of 3137 Halstead Blvd. and a member of the First Congregational Church, 2526 McCain Rd., supports the rezoning request.

Jeffery Turner, of 5959 Brills Lake Rd. and a trustee of the First Congregational Church, 2526 McCain, spoke in favor of the rezoning but was concerned about the possibility of customers using the church parking lot.

R. McQuillan, chairman, requested that J. Worden show the Planning Commission the information prepared for this case using the Geographic Information System (GIS). Scott Ambs, GIS Coordinator for Jackson County, was present for support. Items demonstrated were: 1) the ability to overlay property lines on an aerial map of the area, 2) creating the 300 ft. buffer zone for notifications, 3) the Land Use Plan for the area, and 4) other features such as soils, flood plain, etc.

A motion by K. Strobel, supported by P. Dunigan, to recommend to the Township Board approval of the rezoning request of the property located at 2508 Spring Arbor Rd. The rezoning from Suburban Residential (RS-1) to Office (O-1) is consistent with the Township Land Use Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

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Other Business:

Because of the replacement on the Planning Commission of Ken Strobel by James Dunn, it was necessary to elect a new Planning Commission Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, currently represented by Ken Strobel.

A motion was made by P. Dunigan, supported by M. Reason, to elect R. Erhardt as the Planning Commission Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by P. Dunigan, supported by G. Heins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Note: The demonstration of the GIS continued using, the recent rezoning case on S. Meridian Rd.

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Artz Acting Secretary  
Summit Township Planning Commission