



April 18, 2012 Joint Board and Plan Commission Meeting

Joint Plan Commission Meeting with Garfield Town Board  
Wednesday, April 18, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.  
Garfield Town Hall

The joint meeting of the Garfield Plan Commission (Doug Richter, Chair; Jackie Rindahl, Alice Glavin, Dave Gran, and Jim Christenson. Marv Hong and Bob Poore were absent), and the town board of the Town of Garfield was called to order by Chairman Steve Dickinsen, at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Meeting notice verified. Several township residents were also in attendance, along with Attorney Nick Henneman of Eau Claire who was standing in for township Attorney Mark Skolos.

Chairman Dickinsen brought the group up to speed on what has transpired so far with the frac sand mining issue as it pertains to the Town of Garfield, and the licensing ordinance that the Plan Commission is working on.

Henneman explained the rights that the township has, and the fact that Garfield is not zoned, does somewhat limit our authority because any mining companies do not have to apply for a zoning change, and there are fewer regulations for them to meet initially. Therefore, the township can impose a licensing ordinance, but will need to enforce such an ordinance.

Henneman then went through the proposed ordinance that his firm laid out for the township, and discussion was held on some things that it is felt it would be best to leave in, and some that are best left out. Individual points in the ordinance were examined.

Henneman will make copies of the revisions noted and make them available by April 30th, for the next meeting of the Plan Commission, which will be on Monday, May 7th, at 5:30 p.m. at Whispering Pines Resort on County B. Members were cautioned against discussion by the group either in person, phone or email. Email can be used for dispersion of information but not for discussion.

Motion to adjourn Planning Commission meeting made by Alice Glavin, seconded by Jim Christenson, and carried.

Ardy Robertson, Acting Sec.  
For Garfield Plan Commission

