**White Oak Township Planning Commission**

**Regular Commission Meeting**

**January 22, 2014**

The White Oak Township Planning Commission was called to order by Co-chairman Walker at 7:36 PM on Wednesday January 22, 2014.

 Roll call as follows: Commission Co-chairman Kenneth Chamberlain, Commission Co-chairman Joe Walker, Commissioner Carol Brimhall, Commissioner Barbara Atkin, and Commissioner/Township Trustee Todd Baker. Guests in attendance were Mary Joan McArthur.

 There were no additions or adjustments to the meeting agenda.

 The remaining meeting schedule for 2014 is Wednesday June 04, Wednesday September 03, and Wednesday December 03.

The Commission discussed the Special Use application of Kelly Brockway Bonalle for a non-commercial dog kennel. The meeting was adjourned to reconvene in the Township Office to look at the lot maps in order to review the distances from houses and lot lines. It was determined that the Bonalle house was far enough from the south lot line to plant trees or construct a fence and that there are already trees on the north side of the property.

Following discussion Commissioner Brimhall made a motion to: deny the Special Use request and to allow nine months for the residents at 440 Risch Rd to reduce the number of dogs on the premises to four. This motion was not seconded.

Commissioner Chamberlain made a motion to approve the Special Use with the following conditions:

1. Add a solid screen to the south side of the deck where the dogs exit and enter the house.
2. Construct a fence or plant evergreen trees at the rear of the house tall enough to screen the dog run area from the house at 400 Risch Rd. (Eight foot was recommended)
3. Reduce the number of dogs in the house to eleven by June 01, 2014.
4. There be no replacement for any of the eleven dogs until the total number of dogs in the household was reduced to four.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker.

The roll call vote was: Walker - Yes, Baker – Yes, Brimhall - no, Atkin - yes, and Chamberlain – yes.

The motion passed and was referred to the Township Board for consideration.

Commissioner Brimhall submitted questions on: The master plan goals and objectives; Township Resolution #1 to provide for collection of fire and ambulance fees; the land division ordinance; and ordinance # 14 to provide for civil infraction tickets. She also proposed a recommendation to modify the resolution for the competitive bidding policy to reduce the limit of $20,000 to $5,000.

Following discussion, Commissioner Brimhall moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Baker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 by Joe Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Chamberlain, Planning Commission Co-chairman.