

# TOWN OF DAYTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

August 15, 2013

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerald Lehman, Gary Bowman, and Jerry Critcher.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Becky Eberly and Charles Long.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lelan Siler

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**MINUTES:** Chairperson Lehman asked for comments on the June 20, 2013 minutes. A note was made that the date in the last minutes should have been May 16, 2013 for approval. A motion by Gary Bowman to approve minutes with correct date was seconded by Jerry Critcher and passed unanimously.

### **Presentation by Lelan Siler: Ground Water Protection Plan**

Lelan gave a brief overview of the Ground Water Protection Plan. He continued with answering questions that were presented at the last PC meeting.

- 1.) The town routinely evaluates Cargill's water usage (orange tab pg.4)
- 2.) Team consists of Lelan, Conrad Eye, and Joey Pagan-SWP Specialist (pg. 6).
- 3.) Lelan's responsibilities include the task of locating potential pollutants.
- 4.) Town officials have considered drilling another well. Plans have not materialized or funding allocated. The town could benefit from re-instituting a water committee. A backup water tank is needed.
- 5.) Recharge means replenish (pg. 14).
- 6.) (Pg. 15-16) pertains to future development. Should coordinate with County and outlying communities for proactive measures. It was noted that the development of town ordinances would not necessarily protect water originating elsewhere.

- 7.) The Ground Water Protection Plan included several sections near the back that provided examples from other jurisdictions.
- 8.) The sink holes within the town limits have been identified.
- 9.) Studies have revealed that Silver Lake Spring is under the surface water influence of Cooks Creek. However, a significant percent of the water flowing from Silver Lake Spring is between ten and twenty seven years old.

Lelan made a suggestion to the Planning Commission to approve the plan, given that the plan contained no specific ordinance recommendations at this time. Educating community members and town residents about the importance of protecting the water supply continues to be a priority. The re-institution of a water committee could also be instrumental in this education effort.

A motion by Chairperson Lehman to **recommend that Council pursue the 2013 revision and implementation of the Dayton Groundwater Protection Plan as presented by Lelan Siler** was seconded by Gary Bowman and passed unanimously.

A motion by Jerry Critcher recommending that **Council re-establish a water committee for the Town of Dayton** was seconded by Gary Bowman and passed unanimously.

The PC then discussed that they felt there was an insufficient number of employees trained for the water department. To provide necessary coverage in the event that some of the critical town employees are not able to perform their duties, the PC discussed the need to have town officials review this area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

With there being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gerald Lehman, Chairperson

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Jeanette Thompson, Recorder

