



**Town of Timnath  
 Planning Commission  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 May 11, 2010  
 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Lindeberg called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**a. Roll Call**

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| Chair                  | Claudine Zachara..... | N |
| Commissioner           | Carl Elliott.....     | N |
| Commissioner           | Jan Lindeberg .....   | Y |
| Commissioner           | Dick Weiderspon.....  | Y |
| Alternate Commissioner | John Stewart.....     | Y |

Community Development Coordinator Linda Griess, Town Manager Rebecca Davidson, Town Planner T.J. Dlubac,

**2. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Amendment to the agenda – Minutes from the April 27, 2010 meeting were not reviewed at this time

**3. Regular Business - Discuss Items: Columbarium – Timnath Presbyterian**

- a. Commissioner Lindeberg turned the discussion over to Town Planner TJ Dlubac who introduced Clarence Sitzman who is representing the Timnath Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sitzman gave an overview of what a Columbarium is and what the desires are for the Timnath Presbyterian Church regarding the Columbarium. After Mr. Sitzman's presentation to the Commission, Planner Dlubac clarified that the Planning Commission's charge at this time was not to approve or disapprove a columbarium for the Timnath Presbyterian Church, but that one of the possible outcomes of this discussion was to amend appropriate sections of the Land Use Code to differentiate between a "cemetery" and a "columbarium".

**After Mr. Sitzman's presentation the Commissioners asked the following questions:**

Commissioner Stewart asked has the church asked their neighbors if they are in favor of the Columbarium. Mr. Sitzman responded with no the Church has not asked their immediate neighbors what they would think of a Columbarium in the front area of the Church. Commission Stewart asked what happens to the ashes if the Church should go solvent? Mr. Sitzman explained that the ashes would be returned to the family.

Commissioner Weiderspon asked if there isn't another area to place the Columbarium rather than in the front of the lot, and how many members are in the church. Mr. Sitzman replied that there are 125 members, with over half being over 60 years old.

Mr. Sitzman wanted to remind the Commissioners that a Columbarium should not be considered as a cemetery.

Commissioner Lindeberg wants to know if there are any state regulations regarding ashes. How much land is required for a columbarium and what are the state laws/regulations regarding columbarium's.

Commissioner Stewart is concerned about the state laws, and would like to have a survey of the neighbors taken and to have Clarence come back with the outcome of the survey.

**Possible action:** Commissioner Lindeberg stated to Mr. Sitzman that the Commissioners are going to take this information under advisement and will be getting back to him at a later Planning Meeting as this request would require amending the Zoning Code.

**4. Reports:**

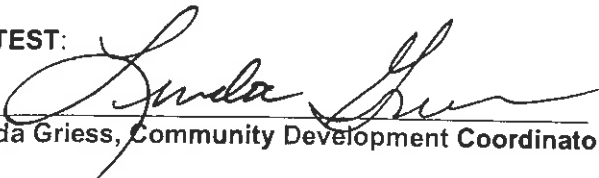
Town Manager Davidson: Nothing to report at this time.

Town Planner Dlubac: Nothing to report at this time.

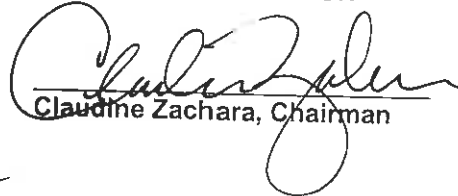
**5. Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

- a. Commissioner Lindeberg officially closed the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Linda Griess, Community Development Coordinator

TOWN OF TIMNATH  
PLANNING COMMISSION

  
Claudine Zachara, Chairman