

Helga Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes of  
May 2, 2012

**PRESENT:**

Steve Pemble, Todd Scofield, Brian Hughes, Robert Saxton, LUA Jim Baruth and Deputy Clerk Bobbi Fadness.

Also present were Town Board Supervisors Mike Smith and Mike Sherwood, Clerk Shannon Skime

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion** made by Todd Scofield to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brian Hughes, **motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of March 7, 2012 Meeting.** **Motion** made by Robert Saxton to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2012. Seconded by Todd Scofield, **motion carried.**

**LUA UPDATE:**

Jim Baruth reports has been busy with building permits but nothing pressing with the exception of Doug Crosby IUP application already on the agenda. Doug Crosby is present.

Doug Crosby originally submitted one IUP for two uses, a gravel operation and a rodeo. Crosby clarifies is excavating rock in order to set posts and fencing for grazing and does plan to sell the rock that is removed. Crosby states is not asking permission to remove the rock, he will do it regardless. Crosby is asking permission to do two events, two days each plus weekly riding nights for 4-H or others. Discussion took place regarding hours of operation, security concerns, traffic increases, food and beverage, sanitation and anticipated attendance. Shannon Skime states a lot of time and work went into the ordinances and all citizens of Helga Township should have a say on all CUP/IUP applications. Planning Commission agrees a public meeting needs to be scheduled to give all the township residents an opportunity for discussion. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for May 23 at 7:00pm to hear comments either in favor of or opposition to Douglas Crosby's IUP request. Meeting notice will be posted and published at least 10 days prior and letters will be sent notifying residents living within at least ¼ mile of proposed event site. The next Planning Commission meeting is June 6 at 7:00pm, followed by a special Township Board meeting at 7:30pm to discuss the recommendations of the Planning Commission for the Douglas Crosby IUP. A final decision regarding the IUP application may be made at this meeting.

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**ADJOURN MEETING:**

**Motion** to adjourn made by Todd Scofield. Seconded by Brian Hughes, **motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bobbi Fadness, Deputy Clerk

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Steve Pemble, Chairman