

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Moore at 7:30 PM

Planning Commission Members present:

Bill Moore	Ward Albert
John Frommeyer	Bruce Grant
Janet Grashof	Jim Mackrell

Minutes

Old Business

The Board asked the PC to look at Article XIII, specifically with regard to In Law Suites, and try and clarify the language. The Solicitor will then implement those suggestions into a draft for review in April.

Discussion included the following topics:

-If the In Law Suite is located IN the primary residence on the property, the suite must be used by a family relative, shall not be used as an "apartment".

-Enforcement. It was agreed it would be hard to monitor (use by a non family relative), but if a problem arose, the language would be there for enforcement.

-All improvements to the residence to create the in law suite should be dealt with through the permit process.

-Once the "family relative" leaves, the In Law Suite would become part of the primary residence again.

-The Township should not limit the number of family members in a house.

-If the In Law Suite is located in an Accessory Structure on the property, it must be used by a family relative.

-In law Suite cannot be used as an apartment (rented to a non family relative)

-There cannot be a separate address for the In Law Suite. A separate address would suggest a subdivision is required.

-Permit process would deal with all improvements of the accessory structure.

-Main concern of PC was someone running an "apartment or rental business" in a residential area.

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-PC generally feels people should be allowed to help family members out if they are able with minimal government intervention.

The PC agreed to forward these suggestions to the Board for consideration when revising Article XIII. Bill Moore agreed to draft a letter to the Board.

Article X:

Article X is on hold until Historical Commission completes the Atlas, as it is integral to the ordinance.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bill Moore
Seconded by Ward Albert

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted,

John Frommeyer

Chairman

Bill Moore