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Dear Commission Members:

It is with regret that I inform you of my intention to resign as chair of the Planning Commission effective November 22, 2010.

Several incidents have caused my resignation including having been threatened during the Chief Lake proceedings, losing a pet to poison, being accused of having a "suspect agenda" by individuals close to the Commission, and of not being able to move any of the Commission's recommendations through the Township Board. My decisive, direct style is in stark contrast to that of the Township Board causing serious delay in some of the initiatives we have undertaken. This is frustrating and not tolerable to me.

As you all know, we have two issues before the Board; one; dealing with a protocol for establishing guidelines for the zoning administration process and one; dealing with recommended action to ensure the zoning within the Township is carried out in an efficient, timely matter and that all records are current and available to the public. No action has been taken on either of these and the situation continues to deteriorate. To me this is unacceptable.

When I agreed to serve on the Planning Commission, I clearly stated to those involved that my objective was to establish some conforming standards to bring the Township in line with current laws and regulations for conducting business. Little did I know what a monumental task this was; I wrongly assumed that I would have support to take this action beyond you as a Commission and the fact I don't has made the task even more difficult.

Membership on the Planning Commission takes a great deal of dedication and a willingness to participate. It can be the most influencing group in the community, but it requires dedication of all its members. That has not been the case. In order to achieve what needs to be done, it is going to take the **FULL** Commission dedicated to solving the issues.

I am confident that with Jim taking over, you will continue to move forward and will accomplish many of the obstacles left in the path to success.

Thank you for your support and help over the past two years, I have enjoyed working with all of you and good luck!

Sincerely,


Dan J. Mitchell