

MINUTES
WAVERLY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting - Waverly Township Hall
January 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Fay Dorr.

Members present: Fay Dorr, Tony Millek, Bernard Wilcox, Diane Julien, Nathan Rohr and Tom Fleetwood.

Members absent: M. LaPine.

Public present: 5

F. Dorr announced that the Township board had accepted the resignation of Joe Mayo due to health reasons and selected Tom Fleetwood to fill the term of Mr. Mayo.

The P&Z board introduced themselves to the public.

F. Dorr adjourned P&Z meeting at 7:06 p.m.

F. Dorr opened public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Public hearing item proposed changes to zoning ordinance #6 Sections 5.04 and 7.02

Public comment: None

Commission comment:

D. Julien asked whether a new application fee would apply on re-application.

F. Dorr said yes

F. Dorr adjourned public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

F. Dorr re- opened P&Z meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Agenda: Motion made by T. Millek to accept as presented and amended. Seconded by B. Wilcox. Voice vote unanimous to approve.

Minutes: Motion made by T. Millek to approve the December 08, 2008 minutes as presented and corrected. B. Wilcox seconded motion. Voice vote unanimous to approve.

TOWNSHIP Report – T. Millek

a.) approved credit cards for clerk and treasurer.

b.) Appointed new members to board of review.

c.) Set budget meeting for March 5th

d.) Reviewed sewage bills and increased late fees

e.) Wireless internet company (Internet2000 Inc.) seeking to rent space from township to erect tower

NEW BUSINESS

T. Millek made a motion to approve zoning ordinance changes to #6 Sections 5.04 and 7.02.

T. Fleetwood seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. It was unanimous in the affirmative.

F. Dorr reported back to the board concerning publishing of a synopsis of the minutes in the local newspaper. She had found the cost to be prohibitive. After discussion of idea, the board agreed.

F. Dorr announced a church was in talks with the (~~Lions~~) Lions club to purchase property near Ski's grill and would be possibly seeking a special use permit.

After some discussion it was determined that the board needed to clarify the parameters of special use permits.

F. Dorr announced an agri-business (blueberry farm) adjacent to Leduc's farm off 44th Ave. seeking to acquire special use permit to sell food products. Seating area would be retro-fitted in existing buildings on property.

Dave Foerster brought up training for commission members:

Citizen Planner training in Cassopolis and on the internet. Cost of program would be:

a.) \$350 per person \$250 per person for 4-9 persons.

b.) reimbursed to township.

Foerster commented that making decisions that affect other's property required training.

Dorr suggested taking 15 minutes after every meeting to train.

N. Rohr said this was the first time taking courses on the internet was discussed.

Paul Tomlinson said he would look into funds availability for training.

Dorr announced that Marcy Colclough from the Paw Paw Rivershed wanted to address the commission and talk about the work being done there. Presentation would last 15 minutes. The consensus of the members was to invite her to speak at the March meeting.

Dorr stated that the Future Land Use Plan is now known as the Master Plan and the documents handed out to members was to replace outdated material.

Commission comment:

F. Dorr : Please read the minutes online to cut down postage cost to the township

F. Dorr requested members review IV-3 items 3-5 & Section 10 of Zoning Ordinance for discussion.

Public comment:

D. Foerster commented that the agenda of the meetings needed to be posted online. Future public hearings as well.

Dorr stated that was a good idea.

Paul Tomlinson talked about ambiguous wording concerning frontage on lake front properties

F. Dorr declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.