

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by chairperson-Lee Deary @ 6:30 pm
2. Roll call was taken-Present: Lee Deary, Cynthia Killey, Steve Better, Kathy Niemiec and Paul Niemiec.
3. Pledge was recited
4. Total present at meeting: 12
5. Motion made by Paul Niemiec and 2nd by Steve Better to approve previous minutes of December 3, 2013-motion carried. Minutes approved.
6. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and 2nd by Paul Niemiec to open public comment.

There was no public comment.
7. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and 2nd by Paul Niemiec to close public comment. Motion carried.
8. Motion made by Kathy Niemiec and 2nd by Steve Better to open unfinished business.
 - a. Ordinance regarding animals, Section 3.11. After commission discussions, a motion was made by Lee Deary and 2nd by Steve Better to keep the ordinance as it is written. Motion carried.
 - b. Ordinance regarding residential fences, Section 3.12. Commission had discussions and a motion was made by Steve Better and 2nd by Cynthia Killey to keep the ordinance as it is written. Motion carried.
 - c. Ordinance regarding signs, Section 3.22. Commission asked Zoning Administrator if we have a sign administrator. He did not know if we did. Lee Deary will check with our supervisor to see if we do.

Lee Deary made a motion and 2nd by Steve Better to keep the sign ordinance as it is written. Motion carried.

9. Motion made by Steve Better and 2nd by Paul Niemiec to close unfinished business. Motion carried.

10. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and 2nd by Steve Better to open new business.

- a. Ordinance regarding outdoor furnaces, Section 3.21 Commission discussed possible inclusion of RI with the AR. Also 100 feet instead of 200 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property as the outdoor furnace.

(RI is medium density residential, AR is agricultural/rural residential.)

Motion made by Lee Deary and 2nd by Steve Better to amend this ordinance to include outdoor furnaces in RI and 100 feet to nearest building which is not on the same property as outdoor furnace. Motion carried.

- b. Access to MTA website-Commission would like access. Lee Deary will check with Jim Dubay, supervisor to see about all of the commission members having access and can we all use the same password.
- c. Report from MTA convention given by Kathy Niemiec and Paul Niemiec. Commission is very interested in attending workshops. It was noted that next year's MTA convention is scheduled for January 27th-30th, 2015 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Motion made by Steve Better and 2nd by Cynthia Killey to have commission members attend upcoming workshops.

11. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and 2nd by Paul Niemiec to close new business. Motion carried.

12. Next regular planning commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

13. Chairman Lee Deary asked Zoning Administrator if he had anything for the commission. He did not.

14. Motion made Steve Better and 2nd by Cynthia Killey to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Minutes recorded by secretary-Kathy Niemiec