

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 22, 2011

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W. Erickson Rd, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pelton the Chairperson at 6:10 P.M.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was five.

Roll call: Chairperson-Bill Pelton, Vice Chairperson-Bruce Bodrie, Secretary-Karen Snyder, Trustee-Joe Boudreau, Trustee-Jim Herber were present.

Renee Kurowski recorded the meeting.

Reading, corrections and approval of last meeting minutes: Motion made by Jim Herber/Bruce Bodrie to approve August 2, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report- Mr. Day not present.

Communications- none

Motion to open Public Comment Joe Boudreau/Jim Herber. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Renee Kurowski thinks that Roberts Rule of Order was adopted and asked how far back the minutes were reviewed. Bill Pelton said that the all minutes that were available were reviewed. It was reference that many of the old minutes were in the vault and anyone was welcome to review all of them if they deemed necessary. It was suggested that the Planning Commission move on and keep better records going forward.

Motion to close Public Comment, Karen Snyder/Bruce Bodrie. Motion carried.

Motion to open Unfinished Business, Jim Herber/ Joe Boudreau. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Joe Boudreau thinks that the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2006 has not been adopted and our new draft of the ordinances has not included it.

Public wanted to speak but the Chairperson said public comment was over and the public was not able to make any additional comments.

Karen Snyder made the motion to open the meeting to the public, Joe Boudreau seconded the motion and Bill Pelton opened the meeting to the public.

Renee Kurowski asked if the secretary had all old minutes available, continue on with additional procedures that we should follow, and that we should request old minutes from Kim Day.

The board reviewed the changes to the Rules of Procedure; Joe Boudreau feels that parts of the rule need to be included in the new ordinances like the old ordinances. Joe Boudreau did not want to adopt the rules Jim Herber wanted to put something in place. No agreement was made still many questions about rules so a motion was made to table adopting the rules Joe Boudreau/Jim Herber, motion carried.

Motion to close Unfinished Business Jim Herber/Bruce Bodrie. Motion carried.

Motion to open New Business Bill Pelton/Bruce Bodrie. Motion carried.

New Business: Definitions of private road and public road where presented to all members by Joe Boudreau. Discussion followed on wording of Section 3.09. The board had questions about land division act, what are the requirements when selling frontage. Public commented on reduction of parcels to one acre, should it be larger? Agreement to table discussion on Section 3.09, need to work on definitions and get additional guidance.

Discussion on land requirements of Class 1 animals, public commit was that the land requirement was not large enough. This topic was voted on in prior meetings and after much discussion the board once again voted not the change the land requirement for Class 1 animals. Joe Boudreau was the only vote nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Joe Boudreau to reduce the keeping of Class III animals to three. Karen Snyder seconded the motion. Vote on reducing Class III animals, Bruce Bodrie, Bill Pelton and Jim Herber voted nay, Karen Snyder and Joe Boudreau aye. Motion lost.

Motion to close New Business, Joe Boudreau/Bruce Bodrie. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Jim Herber/Bruce Bodrie. Motion carried.

Adjourned 8:30 P.M.

Next Planning Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 @ 6:30 P.M.

Minutes by: Karen Snyder