

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W. Erickson Rd, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pelton the Chairperson at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Joe Boudreau recorded the meeting.

Chairman told the public that this is a Special Meeting and the only comments will be in reference to the zoning ordinances, the meeting was opened for Public Comment.

Public Comment: Below is a list of the questions and comments to the Township Board:

1. Does the township have the money that is needed to enforce the new zoning ordinances?
2. Where are the requested changes from the attorney?
3. Why are we having this meeting without the final copy?
4. Is the Township Board the new Planning Commission?
5. Why are we having a Public Hearing without the final draft?
6. Is the public going to be able to get amendments for the items they don't agree with?
7. Where is the medical marijuana ordinance, is there going to be anything in the ordinance? The Board responded that we will be looking into an amendment to add this to the ordinance.
8. There was a concern about the amount of land requirements for animals. Request to increase it.
9. The Topless Section was questioned, are we going to look at the Kochville ordinance and add some of the language to ours?

10. It was questioned if the board is going to add additional language for the Landfill Section. The Board replied that we are still looking into addition information about requirements for landfills and will revisit the topic at a future meeting.
11. A question was made about the length of time it has taken to do the ordinance review, isn't a waste of tax-payers money, why has it taken so long?
12. How long is this process going to continue, what is the next step to getting this done?
13. The township must have a lot of money to keep this going.
14. The Board was told that the ordinances could be voted on and turned over to the township because the only changes that the attorney would make are legal changes. What the Board is voting on is that we agree that the ordinances are in the proper form to be adopted.

Chairman asked if anyone else had any questions. A motion was made to send the ordinances to the Township Board, Bill Pelton/Bruce Bodrie, vote four yes, one no (Joe Boudreau). Motion carried.

Next Planning Commission meeting unknown, need to ask the Township Board when we can continue with regular business or if any other meetings are needed to finish the zoning ordinances.

Motion to adjourn Jim Herber/Bill Pelton, vote five yes. Motion carried.

Adjourned 7:15 P.M.

Minutes by: Karen Snyder