

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Total in attendance-15
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call was taken: Present: Lee Deary, Cynthia Killey, Kathy Niemiec, Stephen Better and Paul Niemiec
4. Motion made by Paul Niemiec and seconded by Stephen Better to open public comment. Motion passed.
5. A. Amendment to ordinance Section 6.02, entitled "Board Membership" from 5 members to 3 members.

There was no public comment regarding this proposed ordinance text amendment.

- B. Amendment to ordinance Section 2.11 (B) entitled "Schedule of Regulations" from 2 acres to 1 acre.

Public Comment as follows:

Phone call from Sandy Joles to Kathy Niemiec on November 12, 2014 stating she is not in favor of 1 acre lot.

Karen Synder stated we want our space and concerned about animals on 1 acre. She is not in favor of 1 acre lot.

Sheri Protasiewicz agreed with Karen and voiced concern with wood burners (smoke), septic tanks, etc. She is not in favor of 1 acre lot. She stated this is a rural community and has always been.

Connie Fantozzi is not in favor of 1 acre lot, stated septic regulations could be very costly.

Kathy Silvernale stated that the planning commission's job is to pass ordinances for the betterment of the whole community. She recommends 2 acre lots. There is a community that has 10 acres lot size. She is not in favor

of 1 acre lot size.

Linda Bodrie is against 1 acre. We should stick to 2 acres.

6. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and seconded by Paul Niemiec to close public hearing comments. Motion passed.
7. Garfield Township Planning Commission then discussed the proposed amendments. The public comments were all against the lot size of 2 acres to 1 acre.
8. Motion made by Stephen Better and seconded by Lee Deary to approve or disapprove "Board Membership-ZBA" from 5 to 3 members.
Vote was 5 yeas and 0 nays. Commission votes to approve membership from 5 to 3.
9. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and seconded by Kathy Niemiec to approve or disapprove minimum lot size from 2 acres to 1 acre.
Vote was 1 yeas and 4 nays. Commission votes to disapprove minimum lot size from 2 acres to 1 acre. Lot size should remain 2 acres minimum.
10. Motion made by Cynthia Killey and seconded by Stephen Better to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes recorded by secretary-Kathy Niemiec