

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 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 three.

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

Joe Boudreau recorded the meeting.

Reading and approval of February 7th meeting minutes: motion made by Bruce Bodrie/Bill Pelton to approve, vote four yes. Motion carried. Reading and approval of March 8th meeting minutes: motion made by Bruce Bodrie/Bill Pelton to approve, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report: Leroy Day had the request for a permit to build a new home and was questioned about a child wanting to raise two pigs for 4-H. The person was told that under the old ordinance he could have no pigs and when the new ordinance is in effect he could have one pig. This lead to a discussion about not allowing children to be part of 4-H and that our ordinances should not stop them from being involved in 4-H. Does 4-H fall under the Right to Farm Act? Does the Act allow the property owned to follow GAAMPS if the Zoning Map shows they are Agricultural/Rural Residential but the tax bill classifies the property as Residential? The Board needs to look into this matter further.

Communications: None.

Motion made to open Public Comment must limit comments to three minutes and address the Chairman, Karen Snyder/Bruce Bodrie, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Question as to how the Board is going to handle requests for kids wanting animals.

Motion made to close Public Comment, Bruce Bodrie/Bill Pelton, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Motion made to open Unfinished Business, Karen Snyder/Bruce Bodrie, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Reviewed By Laws: Want to use the original form (will provide a copy to Township Board w/changes). Revisions needed:

Change Rules to Sections, 3.3 before misfeasance add misconduct, 5.2 change "in" the Garfield Township Hall to "at", 8.1 the same as 5.2, 13 ask to change the reviewed to be annually instead of biannually. Need to check the Enabling Act and decide if the wording of the Special meeting in 5.1 and 5.2 are correct. Does this mean only Special meeting or does this include Special Use Permits? Does a Special meeting/Special Use permit need to be approved by the Township Board or can a Special meeting or Special Use Permit meeting be called as stated? Need to add the procedure for Special Use permits or clarify if it includes both. The Planning Commission request that it is taken out of the Meeting Schedule 5.1 and added to another section on its own.

Motion to table until we have the final draft Joe Boudreau/Bill Pelton, four yes, motion carried.

Master Plan Map was reviewed and a motion was made to table until our new Zoning Enforcer is hired. At that time we will discuss with him/her the details and if they agree on the changes to the map. Joe Boudreau/Karen Snyder, four yes, motion carried.

Medical Marijuana was discussed and decided that court rulings will be out later this year so we will wait on the decision before adding anything to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion to table Medical Marijuana, Joe Boudreau/Bruce Bodrie, four votes yes, motion carried.

Discussion on Landfills, still do not think there is a way to write an ordinance to stop a landfill in our township. Motion to table this topic Bill Pelton/Bruce Bodrie, four yes, motion carried.

Motion made to close Unfinished Business, Joe Boudreau/Bruce Bodrie, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Motion made to open New Business, Joe Boudreau/Bill Pelton, vote four yes. Motion carried.

New Business: None.

Motion to close New Business, Karen Snyder/Bruce Bodrie, vote four yes. Motion carried.

Next Planning Commission meeting August 7th at 6:30 PM. Changed by the Township Board because the first Tuesday in July is the day before July 4th.

Motion to adjourn Karen Snyder/Joe Boudreau, four votes. Motion carried.

Adjourned 8:00 P.M.

Minutes by: Karen Snyder

