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Planning Commission

Members: Jeremy Clanton, Richard Hebard, Ron Jureziz, Sandra Redman, Diane Shields, Kelly Sweeney and Sharon Ward

Minutes for June 6, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order: 6.31 P.M.

Public Hearing for Private Roads: Laura Broaters and Dave DeBroka both asked a question to clarify parts of the proposed ordinance and their questions were answered in a way that appeared satisfactory to each of them. No further comment was forthcoming and this Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing for a Request for a Conditional Use for an Archery Range: Seven people (Marty Coture, Gary Gaskill, Dave DeBroka, Greg Summervil, Scott Graham, Dan Ross and Mark Anderson) all spoke strongly supporting the approval for the Conditional Use request for the archery range. Herb Rosselet did not appear but wrote a letter opposing approval of the archery range because concerns about the increased traffic and that this would be a business. No further public comment was forthcoming and the Public Hearing was closed.

Public Comments: Thaddeus Stout spoke requesting the ability to have an illuminated sign in front of his church. The present sign ordinance does not permit illuminated signs in Agricultural Production Zoning Districts even though they are permitted for churches in the Rural Residential Zoning Districts.

Roll Call: All members were present

Agenda: The issue of allowing illuminated signs for churches in Ag- Production Districts was added to new business.

Approval of the Minutes: The May minutes were approved as written.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Five site plans were approved and four enforcement actions were taken. On June 13 the Zoning Administrator will be taken one party to court for zoning violations and failure to respond to enforcement tickets.

Township Board Members Report: The Board has approved taking the court action that the Zoning Administrator has initiated.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No activity.

Old Business:

- 1) **Private Road Ordinance:** Two changes in the proposed ordinance were made. In Section 23.04 A the term radius should have been diameter, reading 150 foot diameter instead of 150 foot radius. The other change was in Section 23.04 E. The next to last sentence reading (The road shall widen at the dead end so there is at least a 40 foot turnaround) was inconsistent with Section 23.04 A so this sentence was deleted. At the completion of this discussion a roll call vote was taken to approve this ordinance and it passed 7-0 with all members of the committee approving the ordinance.
- 2) **Archery Range:** It was pointed out that this archery range had been in operation for 16 years with no neighbor complaints except for one in the past year by a new neighbor who had tried to open a motorcycle track beside the neighbor's houses and they had complained. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission members that since the archery range had been in operation for 16 years with only the one complaint that the approval of the archery range was reasonable. However since granting the approval of a conditional use is transferable with the land that some conditions needed to be applied to the approval. A motion was made to approve the conditional use for the archery range with the following conditions: 1) a maximum number of targets of 15; 2) no more than 25 cars permitted at any one time could be parked on the archery ranges property at any one time; 3) Use of the archery range restricted to no more often than 5 days per week; 4) Use would be permitted from dawn to dusk; 5) No fees would be charged for the archery range; and 6) The owner would maintain all necessary safety precautions to prevent concern for injury to neighbors or to visitors. A roll call vote was taken and the conditional use for the archery range was approved with a 7-0 vote.
- 3) **Master Plan:** The 2010 census data had been incorporated in Chapter 3 however chapter 4 still contained 1999 census data. It was requested that Kelly refer Chapter 4 back to Williams and Works to bring Chapter 4 up to date with the 2010 census data. There was a request made that to refer the Master Plan to the Board before the changes to Chapter 4 were made. Objections to this were made with the thoughts expressed that we should only refer the Master Plan to the Board when it was complete. A roll call vote was taken to send the Master Plan to the Board in its present state and this action was defeated by a vote of 5-2 with Sandra Redman and Jeremy Clanton voting for and the remaining members voting against.
- 4) **Zoning Audit Discussion:** A proposal from Williams and Works was presented to have this company perform such an audit. After a review of the information from William and Works it was decide to ask Williams and Works present a more detailed proposal before making any decisions about an audit.
- 5) **Medical Marihuana Ordinance:** A background report was given about some of the issues encountered by the subcommittee in preparing this Medical Marihuana Ordinance. A completed ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission with the recommendation that this proposed ordinance be submitted to the Township Attorney for legal review. The Planning Commission voted to approve submitting this ordinance to the Township Attorney for his review and a report of his review will be presented at the July Planning Commission meeting.

New Business:

The discussion of a church's request to be able to construct a lighted sign in compliance with the present Zoning Ordinance was deferred until the July meeting because of time constraints.

Board Member Comments: None

Announcements: None

Time of adjournment: 9:40 P.M.

Respectively submitted,



Ron Jureziz, Secretary

Approved On: July 11, 2011