

Planning Commission Meeting

Vergennes Township

August 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call- Rosema, Gillett, Makuski were present. Jernberg was absent. There is one vacancy on the commission.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Envision Site Plan Review

Envision would like to construct a storage building next to their main building. There was discussion about the outside appearance matching the existing building. Per Vandersloot, Envision would like an exception to the ordinance stating the front of the building must have a certain amount of stone/brick facing. They are planning for it to be sided the same metal as current building. The new structure will sit back and will not be visible from the road. The township engineer will need to look at and approve the storm water calculations to make sure the new building does not affect runoff, etc. Makuski motioned to recommend approval of the site plan with a condition that the storm water calculations meet Township Engineer approval and that the waiver of the building front materials be granted by the Township Board. Rosema supported the motion. There were no objections. **Motion passed.**

Noise Ordinance

The township took noise ordinances from other townships to base this ordinance off of. The ordinance was drafted and sent to the township lawyer for additional comments or concerns. Vandersloot agreed to the changes and has no additional comments or concerns to add. There was discussion on whether the ordinance was necessary. Gillett stated that 95% of the time it is not, but it is the 5% that we need the back up for. Vandersloot stated she just wants the ordinance for police in responding to calls. Without the ordinance, the police have little to no control over the noise complaints. There was also discussion on whether the ordinance will disrupt local businesses such as Witt's Inn, River Edge or Arrow Head Golf Course. Vandersloot believes these institutions to be reasonable with their noise levels and does not foresee the ordinance as being disruptive. The discussion also evolved into general target practice and hunting activities. Vandersloot again believes this to not be an issue.

Rosema made a recommendation that the Township Board adopt the Noise Ordinance. Gillett supported the motion. Makuski was opposed. **Motion Passed 2-1.**

Ada Township Master Plan Review

The Master Plan was discussed. There were no major issues with the Plan, in general. There was some question about residential buildup near downtown area, traffic flow, and drive-thru's at banks and restaurants. It was difficult to determine what was new or changed as the plan did not highlight differences.

Any Other Business

Vergennes and Cumberland will be closed starting August 15, 2016. They are removing some of the hill to improve visibility.

Fallasburg road construction is done and it looks wonderful.

Discussion on how the Vergennes and Alden Nash corner needs to be fixed to improve visibility.

Gillett moved to adjourn the meeting; supported by Makuski.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is set for October 3, 2016.

Minutes taken by Janine Mork