

Vergennes Township
Planning Commission Meeting
February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Scott Jernberg, Chairperson, at 7pm.

Roll Call: Jernberg, Mastrovito, Makuski, Gillett, and Rosema were present. None absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting was made by Gillett, supported by Jernberg. Motion passed. The agenda was approved as presented.

1. Election of Officers

Currently Scott Jernberg is Chairperson, Vice Chair was Nate Post and Secretary is Mike Mastrovito. After some discussion among the members, and a motion by Gillett, Jernberg will remain as chairperson, Rosema will become vice-chair, and Mastrovito will remain secretary. The motion was seconded by Makuski. Motion passed.

2. New Ordinance – Noise

Discussion/creation of new ordinance – The goal of the Township Board is to have an ordinance the sheriff's department can use to fall back on in the case of complaints by residents. If problems persist, civil infraction tickets can be issued to the offending party. Without ordinance there is nothing that can be done aside from talking to them.

The members were given sample ordinances from surrounding townships for review. The ordinances are almost the same with a few minor differences. Grattan Township Ordinance was a good baseline. It listed hours/exemptions for noise. Portland also had a good section.

One member had a problem with the ordinance being implemented at all. It was discussed and he understood better where the Board was coming from.

Jernberg asked Vandersloot to put together a rough draft. The Planning Commission and Township Board will review before sending it to the Planner for final revisions.

3. Other Business:

Update on housing development on Alden Nash SE.

Dave Rapp and Mike McGraw of Eastbrook homes met. The houses will be a bit more upscale than originally planned, \$200,000 - \$300,000 range. The walking trail will be concrete instead of asphalt. Borings were done on every lot to make sure they all perked. Construction should begin this spring.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 was made by Rosema, seconded by Gillett. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016.