

Vergennes Township
Planning Commission
July 7, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call – Mastrovito, Rasch and Gillett were present. Post and Jernberg were absent but had emailed to notify us ahead of time.

Motion by Gillett to approve the meeting minutes from May 5, 2014 as written, seconded by Rasch. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written by Gillett, seconded by Rasch. Motion passed 3-0.

Agenda Item 1 – Review sample noise ordinances

Vandersloot gave the members two other township noise ordinances to review. She gave an overview of complaints received over the years. They have been sporadic over the years, not constant. The latest was the many motorcycles next to Clear Creek Dr. where now friends and family and neighbors ride and it is up to 10-20 at a time on occasion. It was reported that it has gotten better and possibly the Supervisor spoke to these people. A decibel meter was used and the sounds were in the 100 range on Easter Sunday. The members thought this was something to pursue to have in place when there is an issue. The Sheriff Deputies typically handle noise complaint calls and there is little they can do if there is not an ordinance. Motion by Gillett to read them over, look at some others, not be too strict, exempt farm equipment and pick out the parts they liked to use in a future draft. Seconded by Rasch. Motion passed 3-0.

Agenda Item 2 – Review new parking formulas

Vandersloot went over the new formulas to address the recent additions of uses to commercial and industrial. The members were satisfied with them but would like some language added as # 10 noting that ADA handicap parking regulations be followed. This will be added as 201.417 (E) (10). Gillett motioned, Rasch seconded, to hold a public hearing at the October meeting for these amendments. Motion passed 3-0.

Agenda Item 3 – Review dates for joint PC meeting

Scott and Nate had emailed that September was best for them. The rest of the members thought that the September 22 date worked best for them as well. This date will be transferred to Lowell Charter Township as the preferred date for the joint PC meeting.

Announcements

None

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Gillett motioned to close the meeting at 7:57 pm, Rasch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Next meeting: October 6, 2014.