

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Monday, March 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Scott Jernberg, chairperson.

Roll Call – Baird, Post, Mastrovito , Jernberg, Rasch were present. Makuski and Medendorp were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting by Baird, Jernberg seconded. Motion carried.

Approval or changes to agenda - motion to approve agenda by Jernberg, with one addition to agenda by Vandersloot to discuss dates for Joint Planning Meeting, seconded by Baird. Motion carried.

1. OATH OF OFFICE –

Star Palasek, Deputy Clerk, swore in the Commission members who were present at tonight's meeting.

2. ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN

The current vice-chairperson, Rick Gillette, has resigned the Planning Commission to be a Trustee on the Township Board. A new vice-chair needs to be appointed. Baird nominated Nathan Post. Discussion with Post, no issues. Motion to appoint Post vice-chairperson by Baird, Mastrovito seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Jeanne Vandersloot presented. Animals and day care are current concerns. Zoning law requires 7-12 children in townships to be a special use permit plus some other requirements. Group daycare homes are included in the daycare center language in R-A and R-1 districts but R-2 and R-3 has very simple language. They are not permitted in Res-Lake district but perhaps should be. Daycare centers and group child care homes should have separate language in the ordinance.

Animal allowances are inconsistent between the districts. The pointer sentences cause one to go back and forth between the districts to see what is allowed.

Jeanne can come up with some drafts for Commission to look over and have them approve. Or they can look over ordinance and state mandates and tell her what they would like to see.

Jernberg suggested Vandersloot work up some language and present it to the Commission at the next meeting. She will check Right to Farm Act on concentrated livestock also. Post asked for chart similar to bulk that would outline animal allowances currently and future. He liked layout Brian did for recreation district.

4 DATES FOR JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Dates suggested are May 4, 18 or 25, all Tuesday evenings. Duane, Bill and Al were ok with any of the dates. May 4 is school election and may be scratched. Meeting is at Lowell Township.

Nate can do any, Mike Mastrovito prefers 18 but any other is ok. Scott prefers 18th. Jeanne will get back to Lowell Twp and advise date chosen.

General Comment – None.

Adjourn at 7:30. Mastrovito motioned, Jernberg seconded.

Next scheduled April meeting is March 29, 2010 (Early due to Spring Break).

Minutes by Janine Mork