

Vergennes Township
Planning Commission Minutes
March 3, 2008

Approved March 31, 2008

A meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission was held on March 3, 2008 at the Township Offices. At 7:00 PM Commissioner Jernberg called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Makuski, Mastrovito, Baird, Post and Medendorp. Commissioner Gillett was absent. Assisting the commissioners were Jeanne VanderSloot (Township Zoning Administrator) and Ryan Kilpatrick (Williams and Works).

Approval of January 7 Minutes: Motion to approve by **Makuski**; seconded by **Post**. All Approved.

Approval or changes to Agenda: Motion to approve with one addition by **Medendorp**; seconded by **Makuski**.

1. Steve Hanson – Alden Nash West Phase 3 Site Plan Review – Hanson is adding 3 more acres onto his development. The current road will be extended and a cul-de-sac will be added to connect the 5 extra lots being added. All the lots meet the zoning requirements. The road will be continued with an 8% slope because the road was approved with that slope before. There will also be 2 more lights added. There is 80 feet of woods between the lots and the school driveway, and a berm will also be added. There was a motion to set the public hearing for March 31, 2008 by **Medendorp**; seconded by **Mastrovito**.
2. Zoning Administrator – Grand Lux Update – Grand Lux is adding an outdoor ceremony area in the side/rear area of their building. They will plant trees to block the surrounding buildings from site. The plans showed a catch basin, but they won't be putting them in now. There were concerns with the front parking lot because it seems smaller compared to the site plan. The site plan was retrieved and reviewed. The lot will be checked when it is put in and compared to the site plan dimensions. Any lighting must meet the ordinance (none proposed in the ceremony area).
3. Announcements – Any board member interested in learning more about planning can take a citizen planner class online. There is a Kent County Citizen Planner Awards Banquet the township was invited to. Vandersloot would like someone to go because the township won an award for most participants. There were concerns regarding lighting on the Impact Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Pawsitively Canine, and Cumberland Woods. Impact is getting new lighting that meets the zoning requirements. Pawsitively Canine's lights are too bright and need to be covered by a shield. Cumberland Woods took the light out on their sign after a shield didn't work. The Seventh Day Adventist Church was sent a letter saying the lights on the side of the building weren't approved and did not meet the ordinance.

Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn by Mastrovito, seconded by Post.

The next meeting is March 31, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Mork, Recorder