

Vergennes Township Planning Commission Minutes

Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm

7:00pm- Scott Jernberg opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call- Present: Gillett, Jernberg, Makuski, Peel, Rosema; Absent: None.

Approval of the Agenda- Penny Rosema motioned and Rick Gillett seconded to approve the agenda as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes- Bill Makuski motioned and R. Gillett seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Wireless Communication Ordinance-

Explanation- Andy, the Township Planner from Willams & Works, and Jeanne Vandersloot, Township Zoning official, explained the changes of the ordinance.

Public Comment- S. Jernberg opened the meeting for public comment at 7:14 pm.

Sandi Miles of 13675 Beckwith commented on the past performance of the Township and its boards in regards to Cell Tower Applications.

Pat Gilbert emailed a public comment to the Commission. He expressed concern with the new height requirements of the cell tower fall zone. He also cited several areas of the ordinance in which he had questions on including Co-Location, application requirements and ownership interest.

-S. Jernberg closed public comment at 7:22 pm.

Bill Makuski motioned and Penny Rosema seconded to approve the Wireless Communication Ordinance as written and recommend it be sent to the Township Board for further approval. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Other Ordinance Amendments-

A. Grade Levels-In an effort to prevent a drainage hardship for lower level lot owners B. Makuski would like a drainage plan added to the building permit application.

B. Tents and Travel Trailers- The Planning Commission is looking to update this ordinance in order to allow for longer stays for visitors in travel trailers and tents. A permit maybe in order to have this accomplished. The Planning Commission would like to see examples of the ordinance as well as permits from other Townships.

- C. Satellite Dish Antennas-** J. Vandersloot said the ordinance needs updating as it refers to large dishes that are not in use anymore. The Planning Commission would like examples from other Townships.
- D. Solar Energy-**The Planning Commission would like to see examples of other Township Ordinances and see any already in place and guidelines set by the State and Federal Government.
- E. Senior Housing-** The Planning Commission tabled this topic until the Roth's have more information on their plans.

Any Other Business-

Brian Newell of 11441 Lally spoke to the Planning Commission and J. Vandersloot in regards to a letter he received. Brian had a complaint filed against him in regards to his kayak rack, outdoor shower, and post to hang life jackets on. The Planning Commission asks that he remove the kayak rack from the ground and place so it is not considered a permanent structure and place it with in the appropriate setbacks. They also asked that he pull the proper permits for the outdoor shower.

The Planning Commission would like to add a fence ordinance to the list of updates and additions and look at adding language for structures on a lake that usually are not in place in other districts.

Announcements- None

General Public Comment- Sandi Miles of 13675 Beckwith continued her previous public comment in regards to the Wireless Communications Ordinance.

Adjournment-

Rick Gillett motioned and Stephanie Peel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.