

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2005

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present:	Tim Wittenbach	-	Supervisor
	Mari Stone	-	Clerk
	Jean Hoffman	-	Treasurer
	Al Baird	-	Trustee
	Vern Nauta	-	Trustee

Minutes of the September 19, 2005 Regular Board Meeting stand approved as presented. Motion by Baird, second by Nauta, to approve bills as read. **Motion approved.** Motion by Stone, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Agenda with the addition of No. 8 - 425 Agreement Discussion; and No. 9 -Vote to enter closed session to discuss attorney/client privilege letter. **Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

1. Planning Commission Recommendations.

-Alden Nash West Residential Site Plan Approval. Want waiver of road width to 20' from 26' wide; shared loop drive/landscaping; grade waiver over 6% re vegetation. Developer indicated that Township Attorney included easement to Trail Committee in the By-laws. He cannot agree to that at this time without a landscaping plan from the Trail Committee guaranteeing a buffer between trail and home sites. Motion by Baird, second by Nauta, to approve site plan application of Alden Nash West as recommended by the Planning Commission, and additionally, allowing the developer to begin construction of four homes before final road approval. The Board and the developer have an understanding that an easement for a trail will be granted at such time that developer and the Lowell Area Recreation Authority come to an agreement regarding landscaping/buffer between trail and lot/home sites. **Motion approved.**

-Finish Line Systems – Industrial Site Plan Approval. Motion by Nauta, second by Hoffman, to approve Finish Line Systems Industrial Site Plan for Bieri Industrial Park. **Motion carried.**

-Grand River Veterinary Hospital – Special Use Permit. Motion by Nauta, second by Baird, to approve Grand River Veterinary Hospital Special Use Permit as submitted with the stipulation that a copy of complete lighting details be brought to Board, and that lighting meets the terms of Vergennes Township Ordinance. **Motion approved.**

-Murray Lake Marina/Kropf Storage Buildings – Discussion. Ordinance at present doesn't allow Kropf storage buildings to be used as boat storage. Vandersloot noted that there are several points in the ordinance that would need changing. Board can direct Planning Commission to write new language. Motion by Baird, second by Stone, to allow the use for 6 months to May of '06. **Motion approved.** Motion by Nauta, second by Wittenbach, to direct Planning Commission to write new ordinance language and implement same on a case by case basis and to develop a list of standards for the Board to use in future requests. **Motion carried.**

2. Request for Group Day Care Permit – Heather Strejc, Grindle Drive. Public Hearing necessary. Stone to schedule Public Hearing to be held during November Regular Board Meeting.
3. Request to Erect Pole Barn Prior to Home – Guthrie, Kazemier Woods Drive. Building of home to start Spring 2006. Guthrie's have surety bond now. They need to obtain building permit for home at same time as building permit for pole barn. Building Permit for home good for two years. Motion by Stone second by Hoffman, to approve placement of pole barn before home if home and building permit are pulled at the same time as well as submission of bond with the permits. **Motion carried.**
4. Request for Support – Tim Howard, Application to Kent County PDR Board. Motion by Nauta second by Hoffman to support application of Tim Hoard to Kent County PDR Board. Stone to write a letter to that effect. **Motion approved.**
5. Security System for Township Offices. Cost will be approximately \$600.00 for equipment installation, and \$35.00 per month monitoring fee. Proposals are for one motion detector upstairs and two downstairs, key pad alarm and two door sensors. Motion by Wittenbach, second by Nauta, to approve obtaining security system for Township Offices. **Motion carried.**
6. Revision of Cemetery Ordinance. Motion by Baird, second by Stone, to revise cemetery ordinance (Section 4a) to reflect costs as noted on present Vergennes Township schedule. **Motion approved.**
7. Bob's Snow Plow Contract. Increased \$50 from last year - \$500.00. Motion by Baird, second by Stone to accept Bob's Snow Plow Contract for 2005-06 season with a total payment of \$500.00. **Motion carried.**
8. 425 Agreement Discussion. Stone and Wittenbach met twice with the City of Lowell since the September Boundary Commission meeting. Zoning authority of the parcel remains sticking point for moving forward towards a 425 Agreement. Neither side is willing to relinquish zoning authority. Board unanimously in favor of waiting for the decision of the Boundary Commission which will occur this Thursday in Lansing, MI.

