

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 25, 2006
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:02 pm. There were two citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Balk, Dobis, Porath, Ligon, Gannon, Gazdecki, Lester.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Van Steenhuyse, Planner(via telephone), Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary, Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gazdecki added item A) PMR to Other Business

Balk added item A) Calendar Discussion to Next Meeting

Motion by Lester & supported by Gazdecki to approve the revised agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lester & supported by Porath to approve the 10/11/06 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PLANNER'S REPORT

Van Steenhuyse apologized for the confusion around the LSL absence at the last meeting. He announced that Langworthy would be leaving the firm in a couple of weeks.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Lester reported on the Monday meeting. An R-1-D zoning request to remove a cottage & build a new residence on Algonquin was granted. A variance request for an addition to a pole barn in A-O on Schaffer Rd. was granted for all buildings currently in place due to an error by the former Zoning Administrator. Applications for the Township Board & Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals member alternates are being received

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on the 10/18/06 meeting. Implementation of the wetlands ordinance has begun. They are looking for a wetlands consultant. The outdoor gathering ordinance has been sent to the attorney for review. A construction permit to build a house was extended. New township hall & square signs have been approved and will be purchased They extended the sheriff's deputy patrol contract for 2007. Pumpkins in the Park on 10/31 was discussed. They worked on the waste water ordinance. The township square use application was revised.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:22 pm.

Ruth Johnson, 1300 Swarthout, noted that too many city people must be relocating here if it takes so much time to discuss manure disposal.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:23 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A) General Provisions Chapter Review (Domestic Livestock Section)

Van Steenhuyse went over the revisions from the last meeting

B) Proposed A-O District Requirements

Members finished the review of these requirements.

C) Garden Center Amendment

Members finished the review of this amendment.

D) Keeping Small Animals on less than 3 Acres.

Members finished this review.

Public hearings for Chapters 18, 19, and 27 will be scheduled for the 11/22/06 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Zoning Ordinance Status & Next Step LSL letter

Van Steenhuyse informed the commission that he had a concern about staying within the proposed budget and timeframe for the ordinances revisions and would like to use his time more efficiently. He made 3 suggestions; 1) LSL attend one meeting per month rather than 2; 2) continue as it is currently & limit discussion to 10 minutes after which time discussion will move to a new topic & LSL will return next meeting with further alternatives to topic in discussion; 3) LSL will send its information to members 2 meetings before discussion will occur so members have time to review the information thoroughly. Members preferred LSL representation to continue twice a month & like having the documents on the screen & changed by Van Steenhuyse at the time of discussion. Dobis will check with the board in regards to the budgetary concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS

A) PMR

Gazdecki's neighbors owning large parcels of land are receiving application letters from the state inquiring if they want to lease mineral rights.

B) Calendar Discussion

Members decided to meet as scheduled 11/22/06 and 12/27/06.

NEXT MEETING 11/8/06

A. Continue ordinance review

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dobis and supported by Porath to adjourn at 9:28 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary