

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
March 22, 2006
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:00 pm. There were seven citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Van Steenhuyse, Planner, Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary, Pat Carney, Zoning Board Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lester & supported by Gazdecki to approve the 3/8/06 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk passed out a notice of some conferences, trainings, & continuing education opportunities sponsored by the Michigan Association of Planning.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Carney reported that the ZBA allowed applicant Mesh' ham radio tower and reported on offers to plant trees around the neighborhood.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported a new board member was appointed to the library board, board rescinded their approval of the design/build firm & will place the bond for the new Township facilities on the May ballot, science fair signs going up, approval of helicopter landing at a local school, no money available for road work, video conferencing with LSL.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Amendment to Chapter 25, Sec. 6A

This wording specifies that the Planning Commission member of the ZBA shall be selected & appointed by the Board.

Opened call to the Public at 7:10pm

Closed call to the Public at 7:11pm

**Motion by Dobis & supported by Lester to approve the amendment to Chapter 25, Sec. 6A 1)
a). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B) Amendment to Chapter 25, Sec. 6F

This amendment concerns the ZBA's authority to grant use variances. Varying opinions exist around this amendment. The Township attorney recommends the ordinance remain as is. It is the position of LSL that the township could grant use variances.

Opened call to the Public at 7:23pm

Closed call to the Public at 7:24pm

The Commission felt the members of the ZBA need copies of the attorney's letter.

Motion by Lester & supported by Ligon to table the amendment to Chapter 25, Sec. 6F until the 4/26/06 meeting based on the documentation received from the township attorney in regards to a recent court case concerning this topic. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Amendment to Chapter 19, Article 6

The proposed amendment would increase the minimum lot area required in the R-1-A district from 2 acres to 3 acres implementing policy from the Master Plan.

Opened call to the Public at 7:28pm

Bruce Cooley, 10193 Cedar Lake Rd, rezoned his property to 2 acre parcels 2 years ago but there have been no lot splits yet. He asked how this would affect him.

Closed call to the Public at 7:35pm

Motion by Gannon & supported by Dobis to approve the amendment to Chapter 19, Article 6 as written. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:37 pm.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:38 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Zoning Ordinance Definitions

Members finished the rest of Chapter 18, the Definitions section. Van Steenhuyse will have a revised copy ready for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS None.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 4/12/06

A. Review of the General Provisions Chapter.

B. Girl Scout Camp Innisfree Preliminary Site Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Porath and supported by Ligon to adjourn at 8:42 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary