

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 10, 2006
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:01 pm. There were six citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Under Old Business, item A) Truck Farming Terminology in A-O District was added.

Under New Business, item B) Site Plan Revisions & item C) Temporary Sign Limits were added.

Motion by Dobis & supported by Gannon to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under Old Business, 'this review' was changed to 'the motion to approve'; 'Schaffer' was changed to 'Schafer'.

Under Old Business item B), the word 'now' was removed and after 'zoning changes' the words 'with no available appeal to the ZBA' were added.

Under New Business, 'these' was changed to 'the Rules of Procedure'; after the word 'revised' the word 'then' was added; the 2 sentences beginning with 'A different' and 'This caused' were deleted; and '3/8' was changed to '3/9/06'.

Motion by Ligon & supported by Gazdecki to approve the 4/26/06 minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk received a Resolution from the Washtenaw Board of Commissioners regarding the intent to plan for an amendment to a comprehensive plan to meet policies & procedures from the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund.

Carney distributed a Checklist for Site Plan Reviews. Discussion of this checklist was to be placed on the agenda for the 6/14 meeting.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

At Monday's meeting, property owners on Patterson Lake Dr. reapplied for a variance whose time had elapsed. They have demolished & rebuilt a house. Motion passed 5-1 to allow the variance for the 4ft setback on the north side of the property.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

At the 4/19/06 meeting, there was a discussion on landscaping options; wetlands ordinance was presented, questions were answered, & changes will be made; a property owner on Patterson Lake Rd. requested & was granted permission to build a barn before the house (the members discussed the validity of this action); a storm water permit was approved; video conferencing with LSL was

discussed; budget hearing 5/4/06; money was approved to finish an upgrade to Schafer Rd.; discussion in regards to requiring a bond to build a pole barn before a house.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:33 pm.

Nick Paschken, 1600 Darwin, has had a break in & there have been more than 30 in his area. He wanted to know what has been slated to handle this because he was getting limited response from the sheriff & the police.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:37 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Truck Farming Terminology in the A-O District of the Ordinance

Members discussed defining 'truck farming', 'truck gardening', and 'nursery'. This topic will be revisited when this part of the ordinance is reviewed.

B) Discussion of Agricultural Use in Chapter 18 Definitions

Some revisions were made to this section in the definitions.

NEW BUSINESS

A) General Provisions Chapter Review

Members began reviewing this chapter.

B) Site Plan Revisions

Van Steenhuyse will research a way for the Planning Commission to review all the changes that have been made to the Final Site Plan.

C) Temporary Sign Limits

Van Steenhuyse will look into setting a time frame for temporary signs.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 5/24/06

A. General Provisions Chapter review

B. Camp Innisfree Final Site Plan review

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Porath and supported by Dobis to adjourn at 9:50 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary