

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 13, 2006
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:07 pm. There were two citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lester.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A) Under New Business two items were added:

B) West Nile disease discussion

C) Natural Features Inventory Presentation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under Township Board Report 'no setbacks allowed, can mow all around it' was changed to 'buffers can be mowed'.

Motion by Porath & supported by Gannon to approve the amended 8/23/06 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk received the Huron River Report of the Watershed Council.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT None.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Rezone from A-O to R-1-A Parcel #14-26-400-009

Members discussed this rezoning. Dobis asked the applicant, John Erickson, if he was operating a business out of his pole barn. The applicant stated that he was not and that his business and a storage shed were in Brighton, not there. He has no full time employees other than family members. He will move his 4'X6' dumpster to the back of the barn. He is in the process of building a house in front of the barn.

Motion by Ligon & supported by Balk to recommend approval of the rezoning of the 10.01 acre Parcel #14-26-400-009 from A-O to R-1-A with a 3 acre minimum based on concurrence with the Master Plan and substantial compliance with the ordinance. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:17 pm.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:18 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A) General Provisions Chapter Review

Members reviewed Section 24 Keeping & Raising Domestic Livestock. Van Steenhuyse will implement the revisions made up to this point and this section will be revisited at the next meeting.

B) Proposed A-O District Requirements

Members began discussion of Chapter 21. It will be continued at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Garden Center Amendment Draft

This will be reviewed in greater depth at the next meeting.

B) West Nile disease update

Gazdecki stated that this disease has been found from the Saginaw/Bay City area to Oakland County (22 incidents). Livingston County has not kept good records up until now & this will be improved. One horse died in Livingston County in June of West Nile disease.

C) Natural Features Inventory

Ligon informed the members of an upcoming presentation by the Livingston County Natural Features Coalition on 10/10/06 and 10/23/06. She feels this would be of great use in helping to retain the township's rural character.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 9/27/06

A. Garden Center Amendment Draft

B. General Provisions Chapter review (domestic livestock section)

C. Proposed A-O District Requirements

D. Discussion of General Zoning Information

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ligon and supported by Balk to adjourn at 9:54 pm. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary