

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
January 24, 2007  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:14 pm because the link with the LSL website was inoperable. There was one citizen in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Nesbitt, Planner(via telephone), Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Items A) Discussion of Accessory Buildings and B) County Board of Commissioners Meeting were added to New Business.

**Motion by Dobis & supported by Balk to approve the revised agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The text under Correspondence was removed..

**Motion by Gannon & supported by Porath to approve the revised 01/10/07 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussion on the upcoming February Livingston County Board of Commissioners meeting concerning the township's participation with the county Planning Commission on Zoning/Master Plan type recommendations. A few townships have asked to opt out.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Dobis reported on the 1/17/07 meeting. There was some discussion about the fact that the Hell Creek Ranch pool's Final Site Plan was presented to the board with changes not approved by the Planning Commission. The Board approved the site plan as recommended by the Planning Commission without the last minute changes. Members went over the board's decision to discuss, but not vote on, agenda items added at the time of the meeting and decided that this idea should be adopted by the Planning Commission as well.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT**

Gazdecki reported on the 1/15/07 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened Call to the Public at 7:50 pm.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:51 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A) Ordinance Review of Chapters 25 & 26

Members finished the review of Chapter 25 discussing Section 6 Parking and Section 7 Signs. Members wanted all the signage requirements listed in the Sign Ordinance to also be listed here. They also wanted a sign posted on properties due to be rezoned stating the current & possible future zoning districts. This would be paid for by the property owner if the zoning change was their request. Members began the review of Chapter 26 and decided that the Girl Scout and University of Michigan properties should not be considered 'public land'. They will be zoned to the A-O district. Churches, institutions, & schools will be zoned to the zoning district of the surrounding area. Cemeteries, mausoleums, & crematoriums were removed from the PL district as well & will be addressed at a later date. Nesbitt is to check on the reason for the lot and setback sizes in Section 2 C. District Regulations Table 26-2. Review of this chapter will begin here at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Discussion of Accessory Buildings.

Dobis passed out some photographs of various accessory buildings placed in front of the homes. There is some question about whether this is allowed by the ordinance (Van Steenhuyse of LSL says it is not) and what criteria should be used to determine its allowance. The ordinance works for most of the current cases. This issue will be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

B) County Board of Commissioners Meeting 2/6/07

This topic was discussed under Correspondence.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

LSL was asked to fix the web meeting failure issue and, in the future, if any link-up changes are made, they should be checked before the upcoming meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING** 2/14/07

A) Review of revised Zoning Ordinance Chapter 25.

B) Continue Review of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 26

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ligon and supported by Gazdecki to adjourn at 9:43 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz**

Recording Secretary