

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Van Steenhuyse, Planner (via teleconferencing), Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Under Old Business,

B) was changed to C)

The following were added:

B) Zoning Distribution Maps

D) Go Back List discussion

E) Riparian Buffer Guidelines

F) 11/28 and 12/26 meetings

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Under Call to the Public, 'Maron' was changed to 'Marion' and 'McRichey' was changed to 'MacRitchie'

Under Old Business, section B) item 2) 'large scale' was deleted.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Balk passed out the Go Back Lists and a memo from VanSteenhuyse on Home Businesses.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** No meeting.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT** No report.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** No meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened call at 7:14 pm

Closed call at 7:15pm

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A) Review of Ordinance Book Chapter 28, Sec 30, starting at p. 129.

Members completed the review of the new ordinance.

Items added to the Go Back List were:

- 1) adding petting farms as a special land use in A-O
- 2) determining the actual amount of light produced by .5 foot-candles at the property line in relation to light spillage from St Mary's church parking lot.

B) Zoning District Maps

Members reviewed Van Steenhuyse's current & proposed zoning maps. There was a great deal of confusion around notations on each. The various shades of color were difficult to distinguish and there was much discussion about current & proposed C1 and C2 areas. This topic will be revisited and Van Steenhuyse will enlarge the maps to make them easier to read. The Zoning Map and the C1 & C2 areas by Econo Print were added to the Go Back List.

C) Home Business discussion

There is an issue with certain businesses using the home as a base. Members discussed the possibility of regulating certain kinds of home based businesses or prohibiting specific uses. This topic will be discussed further.

D) Go Back List discussion

Van Steenhuyse will review this list and note which items have been completed and members will review it at the next meeting.

E) Riparian Buffer Guidelines

This was postponed until the next meeting

F) Meetings on 11/28 and 12/26

It was decided to meet as usual on these dates.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**OTHER BUSINESS** None.

**NEXT MEETING** 11/14/07

A) Revise 10-10-07 minutes to change the Go Back List item 'commercial in AO' to 'Adding large scale sporting uses to AO'.

B) Zoning Distribution Maps

C) Discussion of Home Businesses

D) Go Back List Review

E) Riparian Buffer Guidelines

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened call at 9:54 pm

Karl Burg, 216 Marion St, had some questions about exterior lighting, a comment about the word 'may' being 'wishywashy' & his preference for the word 'shall' as being more definitive. He asked if the tax code showed zonings and stated that the zoning maps made by the county were not easy to understand nor were they up to date.

Closed call at 9:59 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ligon and supported by Gazdecki to adjourn at 9:59 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz**

Recording Secretary