

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
November 28, 2007  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Ligon & supported by Porath to approve the 11/14/07 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Balk passed out research notes on commercial kennel requirements from other townships and from an existing commercial kennel recommended by Livingston County.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** No meeting.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Dobis reported on the 11/21/07 meeting.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT**

Gazdecki reported on the 11/19/07 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened call at 7:31 pm

Closed call at 7:32 pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

A) Lot setbacks for legally nonconforming lots

Members discussed Van Steenhuyse's language additions to Chapter 19, Section 25. Some wording was changed or eliminated for clarification.

B) Zoning Distribution Maps

Members reviewed Van Steenhuyse's enlarged fourth zoning map and the Future Land Use map. There was further discussion about what is allowed in C1 versus C2 areas and members decided that this had been discussed previously & they did not want to revisit the subject again. There was also discussion about changing the GB district west of the village to LB. No changes were made.

C) Home Business Discussion

A lengthy discussion ensued on whether to leave the language as is or to expand the list of prohibited businesses. There are many businesses in violation of the current ordinance that have been operating & existing for many years. A majority of members agreed to eliminate signs on home businesses. One suggestion was to make home businesses legal or enforce the ordinance as is. Another idea was for an applicant to request a special land use permit from the Planning Commission to operate a home based business. A line by line review of the language concerning Home Based Businesses in the new ordinance was started and will be continued at the next meeting. Since this is a very complex subject, members wanted to spend more time on it. Van Steenhuyse will investigate how other townships handle this issue.

D) Go Back List discussion

This was postponed until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**OTHER BUSINESS** None.

**NEXT MEETING** 12/12/07

- A) Mobile Vending.
- B) Land Use Waiver List
- C) Permissibility of "Portable Structures"
- D) Commercial Kennels
- E) Home Based Businesses
- F) Go Back List Review

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened call at 10:10 pm

Herbert Rossow, East M-36, inquired about the status of the proposed Meijers property. This has not yet come before the Commission. Hence, inquiries should be directed to the Township Hall.

Closed call at 10:14 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Lester and supported by Balk to adjourn at 10:16 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz**

Recording Secretary