

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
December 26, 2007
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dobis added Items A) Private Roads and B) Miniature Golf Shared Driveway to New Business

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gannon & supported by Balk to approve the 12/12/07 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk received the Livingston Land Conservatory newsletter. All members received the Huron River Watershed Council Report.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT No meeting.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on a 12/19/07 meeting.

LAND DIVISION REPORT No meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 7:17 pm

Herbert Rossow, East M-36, asked for clarification on a statement made by Gazdecki.

Bob Press said the township board did not have the appropriate copy of the new ordinance when it came before the board. The planner sent the correct one but the incorrect one was placed in the members packets.

Closed call at 7:32 pm

OLD BUSINESS

A) Commercial Kennels

Members reviewed and discussed Van Steenhuyse's text. The planner will write up the revisions for the next meeting.

B) Home Based Businesses

Members began going over Van Steenhuyse's text. The planner will do some more research on specific aspects requested by the members. This review will be continued & placed on the Go Back List. Finding more area for M-1 was also placed on the Go Back List .

C) Zoning Compliance Issues.

A zoning compliance permit shall not be issued until all fees have been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Private Roads

Language will be added that would mandate all Township costs for private road improvements shall be paid or escrowed before a zoning compliance is issued.

B) Miniature Golf Shared Driveway

Text was added to allow shared driveways in commercial areas as long as there was agreement between property owners.

C) A few small areas on the two amendments, previously recommended by the Planning Commission, were changed to clarify allowing miniature golf in C1 zoning. These changes were the issues that prohibited the Board from approving these amendments at the 12/19/07 Board meeting. The completed amendments with corrections were to be delivered to the Township Clerk on 12/27/07.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 1/9/07

A) Home Based Businesses

B) Nomination and recommendation of new Planning Commission officers to serve for 2008.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 9:54 pm

Closed call at 9:55 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lester and supported by Ligon to adjourn at 10:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary