

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Balk at 7:02pm There were 5 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dobis & supported by Lester to approve the 03/14/07 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY .

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk received the minutes from the joint meeting.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Lester reported on the 3/26/07 ZBA meeting.

Lester reported that the ZBA members are requesting a second facilitated meeting on the Lakes Residential District. Benedetti will ask the Board for the required funds.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on the last meeting. There will be a special meeting on 4/5/07.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:16 pm.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:17 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Interviews of Wetlands Review Board Applicants

1.Patty McElroy has experience in urban & environmental planning as well as farmland & historic preservation.

2. Dick Knopf lives on a wetland & has extensive experience in conflict resolution, active listening, & decision making. He is currently working with the Huron River Watershed on biodiversity maps. 3.

Bob Nester has lived in Putnam Township since 1972, has worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is familiar with wetland animal & plant life, & understands the importance of taking stewardship of the habitat & maintaining the integrity of the environment.

Members were impressed with the quality & experience of these 3 applicants.

Motion by Lester & supported by Dobis to recommend Patty McElroy as a member of the Wetlands Review Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Balk & supported by Lester to recommend Dick Knopf as a member of the Wetlands Review Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion by Balk & supported by Ligon to recommend Bob Nester as a member of the Wetlands Review Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dobis will follow up with the Township Board & request that these three applicants have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the ASTI consultants.

B) Review of revised & updated Chapter 25

The revised Chapter 25 draft was discussed & approved as the final draft to be dated 3/28/07.

C) Dog Kennels

This was left as is.

D) Consolidation of Individuals' Go Back Lists

Van Steenhuyse has no list. He stated he makes necessary corrections to the documents and corresponding sections at the time of the meeting. Members want an actual list of items that have been specified as needing to be revisited at a later date. Four items were put on the list:

1. cemeteries
2. corner lots
3. civil infraction enforcement
4. penalties for wetlands violations

E) Chapter 28 Section 7 Airports and the Airport Statutes.

Airports were prohibited.

F) Review of revised & updated version of Chapter 28 part 1

After reviewing the planner's memo on campgrounds & much discussion, the minimum lot size was changed to 40 acres and the minimum camp site and facilities setbacks to 150'.

Group campgrounds were put on the Go Back List.

Child Day Care Centers were changed to Commercial Child Day Care Centers. These centers are prohibited in residential areas. Other commercial operations may need to have specific allowable hours of operation as well.

NEW BUSINESS None.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 4/11/07

A) Continue Zoning Ordinance Chapter 28, part 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Porath and supported by Lester to adjourn at 9:48 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary

