

**Planning Commission Meeting  
January 23, 2008  
Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. There were 15 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steven Van Steenhyuse, Planner, Linda Burtraw, Substitute Recording Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Balk & supported by Ligon to approve agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Dobis & supported by Balk to approve the 1/9/08 minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE None**

**PLANNER'S REPORT** Presented by Steven Van Steenhyuse.

This was a short review of the additions to chapter 25 Commercial and Residential Districts ie: section 4 large scale Commercial Development Design Requirements that were discussed and agreed upon at the last Commission meeting. This addition is part of the proposed new Ordinance Public Hearing scheduled for tonight, January 23, 2008.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** Presented by Jerry Lester.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT** Presented by Kevin Dobis.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** No meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Presented by Steven Van Steenhyuse.

A) Comprehensive amendments to the current Title IV "Property Regulation and Zoning" and a new Title V "Land Division" to be added to the Ordinances.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened at 7:40pm

Gerald Pike asked if a copy of the draft of the ordinances was available. It was determined that a draft copy is on the Township website.

Rich Olsen asked if there is a new ordinance on home business. The commission stated that there is no new ordinance on home business as yet. Any home business started before the first Ordinance was adopted in 1979 is grandfathered in, after that, home businesses are not allowed unless there is no evidence outside the home in a residential area.

Jerry Marhoffer asked the same question as Rich Olsen concerning home business. The commission stated that this subject would be discussed at the next meeting, 2/13/08.

Dale Collingham confirmed that the new draft is on the Township web site.

Herbert Rosso asked what the meeting will be about on January 30, 2008.

Closed call at 8:10 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** Motion by Porath to approve new Ordinance & supported by Balk. Roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Motion by Balk requesting that the Board have a special meeting for a future full Saturday to discuss the new proposed Ordinance recommended tonight, January 23, 2008. This meeting should include, in person, Steven Van Steenhyuse the Planner from LSL. The Board members should submit questions pertaining to the proposed Ordinance to Steven within a reasonable time period, before this meeting so he can have answers to their questions available at the meeting.

Supported by Dobis.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OTHER BUSINESS** None

**NEXT MEETING** Special meeting 1/30/08

A) Atwell Hicks will present a review involving opening a new Meijer Store in Pinckney area.

Next regular meeting 2/13/08.

**CALL TO PUBLIC**

Opened call at 8:30pm.

Keith Tianen asked about the rezoning for the Green property concerning the Meijer Store.

Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator, stated that it is on hold until further notice.

Closed call at 8:35pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dobis & supported by Balk to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Linda Burtraw**

Substitute recording secretary