

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 11, 2008
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Balk

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Van Steenhuyse, Planner, Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dobis added 1) Zoning Administrator's Report to New Business.

Lester added 2) Supervisor's Memo Regarding PC Meetings to New Business.

Dobis added 3) R-1-B Lot Width Discussion to New Business.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lester & supported by Gazdecki to approve the 5/28/08 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

The Planning Commission received photocopies of the large prints Marshall Blau of Pinckney Sand & Gravel, Inc showed at the last meeting

PLANNER'S REPORT None

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Lester reported on the 6/9/08 meeting

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on the special budget workshop/meeting 6/2/08

LAND DIVISION REPORT

Gazdecki reported on last week's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 7:46pm

Bob Press, 9195 N. Peaceful Valley, suggested the Township buy the Livingston County Building Code book.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:52pm

OLD BUSINESS

1) Continuation of Master Plan Discussion

Van Steenhuyse presented his suggestions for changes to the Future Land Use map as well as two alternatives for locating an area designated Light Industrial. Members discussed these recommendations and made some revisions. The first Blau parcel west of the realigned section of D19 will become LDR from RP. Most of the commercial use areas will be located east of The Village. A block of MDR south of M36 & north & east of the high school property was moved north to help as a buffer between LI and HDR areas and LDR areas. Van Steenhuyse will make the revisions. Members also reviewed his revisions to the text on Light Industrial use in the Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Zoning Administrator's Report

Members went over the open items on Mr. Lewis' report.

Motion by Dobis and supported by Lester to instruct the Zoning Administrator to contact the Planner about the open ordinance issues on the Zoning Administrator's Report to the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Supervisor's Memo Regarding PC Meetings

Lester felt this memo to be extremely confusing, difficult to read due to the grammar used, and, in many ways, felt it would handicap the Planning Commission from doing their work. Dobis stated that the only part of the memo that was decided by the Township Board was that if there was no work for the Planning Commission, the meeting would be cancelled. Some members felt that the Planning Commission needed to make the decision as to what was needed from the planners, not the Township Board and that the Board was overstepping their boundaries to interfere in this way. There was also confusion around the timing of meeting cancellations, postings, & special meeting requests based on this memo. Dobis will take these issues back to the Board.

3) R-1-B Lot Width Discussion to New Business.

R-1-B lot width is now 200'. It used to be 165' and members felt it should remain 165'. Otherwise, all 1 acre lots would now be non-conforming. There was discussion about putting this change on a Go Back list. Members decided they wanted it taken care of now.

Motion by Lester and supported by Dobis to schedule a public hearing for 7/23/08 to amend the front lot width for R-S-3 from 200' to 165'. MOTION CARRIED (Ligon opposed)

OTHER BUSINESS None

NEXT MEETING 6/25/08

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 9:20 pm

Bob Press, 9195 N. Peaceful Valley, suggested the ordinance needs 2 definitions of a 'structure': one for a business & another for a residence.

Closed call at 9:21 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lester and supported by Ligon to adjourn at 9:21 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary