

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 23, 2008
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There were 4 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lester & supported by Balk to approve the revised 6/26/08 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk received a brochure on a workshop entitled Helping Communities Protect Water Resources by Michigan State University. Members went through the memo from Rau. The 9/10/08 Planning Commission meeting will be held at the fire station. There will be a joint Planning Commission and Township Board meeting 8/27/08 to discuss Home Based Businesses. It was announced that Porath has been re-appointed to the Planning Commission for another 3 year term.

PLANNER'S REPORT None

ZONING BOARD REPORT None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on the special meeting 7/14/08 and the regular meeting 7/16/08.

LAND DIVISION REPORT

Gazdecki reported on last week's meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO

Members went through Lewis' report and carefully reviewed each item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: minimum lot width in RS-3 district

VanSteenhuyse went over this change. Making this amendment will prevent lots created under the old rules from becoming nonconforming.

Opened Call to the Public at 8:10pm

Closed Call to the Public at 8:11pm

Motion by Dobis and supported by Balk to recommend to the Township Board changing the minimum lot width for RS-3 from 200' to 150'. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened Call to the Public at 8:12pm
Closed Call to the Public at 8:13pm

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval Process for the Draft Master Plan
Van Steenhuyse went over his memo in regards to this process. Members discussed it.

NEW BUSINESS None

OTHER BUSINESS None

NEXT MEETING 8/13/08

A) 3 acre lot width requirements

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 8:18 pm
Dale Collingham, Meadow Lane, asked if homeowners could have metal canopies with canvas tops on their decks.
Closed call at 8:20 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lester and supported by Gannon to adjourn at 8:21 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz