

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
September 24, 2008  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. There were 5 citizens in attendance. Problems with the teleconferencing caused the delay in starting the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gannon.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Old Business item on Home Based Businesses was deleted. This topic will be addressed at the next Township Board meeting.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the last meeting were missing from the members' packets so they could not be reviewed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None

**ZONING BOARD REPORT**

Press reported on the 9/22/08 meeting.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Dobis reported on an August meeting and the regular meeting 9/17/08.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** None

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO**

Lewis' report was in the members' packets.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened Call to the Public at 7:27pm

Renee Anderson-Field was concerned about home based businesses on small residential properties, especially large equipment & vehicles such as dump trucks, trailers, & backhoes on paved roads.

Bob Press would like to see accessory building sizes increased.

Closed Call to the Public at 7:43pm

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) Future Land Use, new location for Manufactured Home Park.

Members discussed ways to get this property evaluated by a professional to get a fact based report on its usability as a Manufactured Home Park. One possibility was to hire a MHP developer to look at the area. Another member felt a developer would be biased. Another possibility is to get a survey done to see the percentage of usable land based on the geology, soil, and wetlands. A wetlands consultant could possibly do the evaluation & have access to other professionals that could determine further aspects of its usability as a MHP. It would also be useful to consult with the attorney to find out what kind of documentation he needs regardless of which property is used. Van Steenhuyse went through his slides on Manufactured Home Parks.

**Motion by Ligon and supported by Lester to recommend to the township board that there be an evaluation by an appropriate consultant of the current Manufactured Home Park Master Planned property to determine its suitability for a Manufactured Home Park. MOTION CARRIED (Porath opposed)**

2) Planning Commission member appointment to Wet Land Review Board (3 year term).

**Motion by Lester and supported by Ligon to recommend that Porath continue his appointment to the Wetlands Review Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Several members spoke of & remembered Bob Dolata. He will be missed.

There was a question about whether the township ever joined the Huron Watershed Council. It appeared that if they had joined, no member was every officially appointed.

**NEXT MEETING** 10/8/08

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened call at 8:29 pm

Closed call at 8:30 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Lester and supported by Ligon to adjourn at 8:31 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz  
Recording Secretary**