PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2010
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Chairperson Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT: Porath, Gannon, Balk, Beemer, Press, Dobis, Ligon.
OTHERS PRESENT: Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC
Opened 7:02 p.m.
No comments.
Closed 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Porath added an item 'Yost Property Update' to Old Business.
Motion by Balk & supported by Porath to approve the revised agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Some changes were made to the first Call to the Public text in the 12/9/09 minutes.
Motion by Porath & supported by Gannon to approve the revised 12/9/09 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
A) Chairman
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for Chairman. Balk nominated Gannon for Chairman. There being no other nominations, Porath moved to close nominations & elect Gannon Chairman by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Gannon elected Chairman by acclamation.
B. Vice Chairman
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chairman. Balk nominated Porath for Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, Ligon moved to close nominations & elect Porath Vice Chairman by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Porath elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.
C. Secretary
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for Secretary. Balk nominated Ligon for Secretary. There being no other nominations, Balk moved to close nominations & elect Ligon Secretary by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Ligon elected Secretary by acclamation.
D. Representative to the ZBA
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for ZBA Representative. Press nominated Gannon for ZBA Representative. There being no other nominations, Ligon moved to close nominations & elect Gannon ZBA Representative by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Gannon elected ZBA Representative by acclamation.

E. Representative to Wetlands Review Board
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for Wetlands Review Board Representative. Balk nominated Porath for Wetlands Review Board Representative. There being no other nominations, Gannon moved to close nominations & elect Porath Wetlands Review Board Representative by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Porath elected Wetlands Review Board Representative by acclamation.

Motion by Balk & supported by Ligon to add Election of Land Division Representative to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
F. Representative to Land Division
Gannon opened the floor to nominations for Land Division Representative. Ligon nominated Beemer for Land Division Representative. There being no other nominations, Gannon moved to close nominations & elect Beemer Land Division Representative by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Gannon declared Beemer elected Land Division Representative by acclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE
A. Ch.31, Sec.1 Signs as approved by Twp. Brd. 12/16/09.
This text amendment writeup was in the members' packets.
B. Proposed P.C. meeting schedule
There was some discussion in regards to canceling the 12/22/10 meeting, but it was decided to leave it as is for now.
C. Porath had a flyer from MSU Extension Service on Community Planning & Zoning classes this winter. Ligon will attend the Right to Farm class.
D. Porath circulated a wind energy article on stationary turbines.
E. After a Planning Commission review of the text amendment to Art. 31 Sect. 2 Parking & Loading General Requirements, Gannon clarified to the members that it had been approved by the Livingston County Planners and the Township Board.
F. Gannon received information on a wind energy symposium on 1/22/10 from the Michigan Association of Planners

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT
Dobis reported on the 12/16/09 meeting

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDINANCE ISSUE LIST
Members reviewed this list and wanted the closed date put in the Closed column and the word 'closed' in the status box for the sign illumination item.

PUBLIC HEARING None

OLD BUSINESS
A) P.C. letter to township Board concerning Z-40-09 Map Amendment; Sec. 21, St. Brendon/St. Marie

To some members, the letter and map were confusing and hard to understand. In particular, it did not mention that keeping it at 1 acre would help the residents and allow the most flexibility. The Township Board will review this topic at their next meeting. If the Board is confused by the letter and Dobis cannot satisfactorily explain it, he will ask to have the issue tabled so the letter can be clarified.

B) On Site Housing in M1, C1, C2, and RBR Zoning Districts
Nesbitt's 12/15/09 memo referred erroneously to housing in the RBR districts as being seasonal. This item was tabled until Nesbitt can be consulted.

C. Evaluation & choice of LSL Planner attending meetings
Members decided to use Rob Nesbitt as the LSL planner for the upcoming year, in part, because he lives closer to Putnam Township & its meetings.

D. Yost Property Update
This matter was tabled until the next meeting so more information could be gathered.

NEW BUSINESS
A) WEC Ordinance – Email from citizen Benedetti
Members reviewed Benedetti's email of questions about wind energy turbines. It sounded like he wanted to test various structures and the members were concerned about this being a commercial endeavor. This was not clear from the email. One member suggested the free class on wind energy might be useful to Benedetti. Most questions could not be answered by the members without the aid of the planner. The email will be forwarded to Nesbitt requesting answers for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING 1/27/10

A) Public Hearing Rezoning M36/Cedar Lake Rd area per LSL option 1 dated 11/18/09
B) Public Hearing on Z-50-09 Nonconforming Lots Table 19-4 & Lot Width Relief for Narrow Lots
C) On site Housing in M1, C1, C2, and RBR Zoning Districts
D) WEC Ordinance – Email from citizen Benedetti

CALL TO THE PUBLIC
Opened at 8:29 p.m.
No comments.
Closed at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Ligon and supported by Press to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz
Recording Secretary