

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 10, 2007
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Balk called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. There were 13 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Under New Business, item A) Change Representative to Wetlands Board was added.

Motion by Gannon & supported by Gazdecki to approve the revised agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The text under Township Board Report was changed to 'Dobis reported on the 9/19/07 meeting.'

Motion by Gannon & supported by Porath to approve the revised 09/26/07 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Balk passed out a letter from Al Machek, a citizen who attended the last Planning Commission meeting, and who is against putting miniature golf in C-1.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT No meeting.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT No meeting.

LAND DIVISION REPORT No meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 7:10 pm

Carl Berg, 216 Marion St, wanted to pass out the revised text from the Planner to some citizens.

Barbara Barton, 123 E. Washington St, Howell, a Destination Marketing expert for the Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau, was in support of the creation of Colone's miniature golf course. She felt it would be a positive impact for the county, enhance tourism for Putnam Township, and that Colone had made Hell a family friendly destination.

Kevin MacRichtey, 2324 Patterson Lake Rd, felt there was a perception that the township does not support business development. He said property values grow based on the quality of the schools and on a thriving business community. He wanted lighting allowed on until 10 pm at a proposed miniature golf use in C1 and stated that lighting was on after 8pm at St Mary's parking lot and at the high school games. He did not want one business to be more restricted than others and wanted the members of the Planning Commission to help grow the tax revenue base.

John Colone, 4063 Patterson Lake Rd, wanted clarification on his next steps concerning his miniature golf use at the Hell location.

Closed call at 7:30pm

OLD BUSINESS

A) Amendments to Chapter 19, Zoning Districts, Sec. 55, C-1 District and Chapter 27, Special Use Permits, Sec. 4

Van Steenhuyse went over his revised text changes to these amendments made as a result of the last meeting's discussions. Members discussed these changes. Hell, Michigan was described as a somewhat unique area when compared to the other C-1 districts. Lighting was allowed until 10pm. A sound level of 65 dBa at the property line was added.

Motion by Gannon and supported by Ligon to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 19, Zoning Districts, Sec. 55, C-1 District, Paragraphs B & E and Chapter 27, Special Use Permits, Sec. 4. MOTION CARRIED (Porath & Lester against; Lester felt miniature golf did not belong in C-1)

B) Continue Review of Ordinance Book Chapter 25, starting at p. 83

Members reviewed the new ordinance up to p. 129.

Items added to the Go Back List were

- 1) a review of a possible new zoning district for Hell due to its uniqueness
- 2) commercial uses in A-O
- 3) commercial kenneling space & individual allocations
- 4) discussion of land fills

NEW BUSINESS

A) Changing the Wetlands Representative

Per Balk's request, he will no longer be the representative from the Planning Commission. Porath volunteered to replace him with Gazdecki as backup.

Motion by Lester and supported by Dobis to appoint Mike Porath as the Wetlands Representative from the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING 10/24/07

A) Continue Review of Ordinance Book starting at Chapter 28, Sec 30, p129.

B) Discussion of Home Businesses

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened call at 9:48 pm

Closed call at 9:48 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Porath and supported by Balk to adjourn at 9:50 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ingrid Weisz

Recording Secretary