

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
October 28, 2009  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Porath called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Porath, Ligon, Beemer, Press, Dobis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Balk, Gannon

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened 7:03 p.m.

No comments.

Closed 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Dobis & supported by Press to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members made one change to the 10/14/09 minutes.

**Motion by Ligon & supported by Press that the 10/14/09 minutes be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A) Carlisle/Wortman letter and brochure was reviewed.

B) Correspondence from Planner Van Steenhuyse opining there is no need for revision to the Master Plan or Wind Energy Ordinance at this time and that recommending revisions to the Township's sustainability goals, including wind energy as an element of those goals, take place when the Master Plan undergoes its 5-year review.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT** Dobis reported on the most recent Board meeting.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** None.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDINANCE ISSUE LIST**

The item listed as 'new' needed to be changed to 'closed'.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A) Proposed Text Amendment to Chapter 31, Sec. 2: Commercial Vehicle parking in Residential Districts (continued from 10-14-09).

**Motion by Press & supported by Beemer to open the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Dale Collingham, Meadow Lane, sought clarification of vehicle weight restrictions in the Lakes District. Members offered clarification and further discussed the amendment.

**Motion by Ligon & supported by Porath to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion by Porath & supported by Beemer to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 31, Sec. 2: Commercial Vehicle parking in Residential Districts. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A) Township Planning Consultant discussion. Members discussed and reached a consensus to ask Gannon to call LSL and, for reasons of economy and to enhance communication, arrange for Rob, who lives nearby, to attend meetings in person for the next few months.

B) Review of Planning Commission Bylaws

Members went through the Bylaws & made one revision, in Article IV, Section 2. Ligon will transmit revision to VanSteenhuysen, who will make correction and return to the Commissioners for review at the next meeting.

C) Wind Energy Ordinance discussion

VanSteenhuysen correspondence regarding this ordinance and the need to amend the Master Plan were discussed. Members agreed with VanSteenhuysen's recommendations and will add the language about sustainability to the Master Plan when it is next reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

### **NEXT MEETING:** 11-11-09

1. Final review of Planning Commission Bylaws

2. (Held over for more members to be in attendance): From Twp. Board meeting of 10-21-09:

Z-40-09 review map amendment section 21 St. Brendon/St. Marie

Z-50-09 review text amendment table 19-4 Nonconforming Lots

Discuss possible text amendment, lot width relief for narrow lots

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened at 8:16 p.m.

No comments.

Closed at 8:18 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Dobis and supported by Beemer to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Jean Ligon  
Secretary**