

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 25, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 5 citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Porath, Gannon, Balk, Press, Dobis, Ligon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beemer

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

There was discussion about item 9) A) under Old Business. The letter to the Board from LSL was passed out at the meeting; it was not received and reviewed by all the members before the meeting. Since the policy of the Planning Commission is to cover topics supplied in their packets beforehand (not last minute information), this item was removed from the agenda & placed on the agenda for the next meeting to allow time for all members to review its contents.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Porath & supported by Gannon to approve the 11/11/09 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PLANNER'S REPORT None.

ZONING BOARD REPORT None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dobis reported on the 11/18/09 meeting.

LAND DIVISION REPORT None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDINANCE ISSUE LIST

Members reviewed this list.

PUBLIC HEARING None

OLD BUSINESS

B) Onsite Housing in Commercial and RBR Zoning Districts

Apparently, no specifications about this topic were included for the RBR zoning district. The Hell Creek Ranch, the Girl Scout property, and the Tiplady Road Boys Club property are in the RBR district. Members felt that an allowance for such housing on this type of property was appropriate. Gannon will contact LSL to request language be composed to allow a caretaker/owner occupant as a SLU and suggest necessary criteria for onsite housing in the RBR district.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Cedar Lake Rd and M-36, review for rezoning

The owner of the property at the southwest corner of M-36 and Cedar Lake Road has asked the Commission to consider rezoning his property from RR to RS-3. The members reviewed the options presented by LSL as well as the surrounding parcels in regards to this rezoning.

Motion by Porath and supported by Press to recommend setting a public hearing for LSL's Option 1 regarding this rezoning. MOTION CARRIED (Balk opposed)

B) Master Plan review, M-36 west of Pinckney

Members wanted zoning in the area south of M-36, west of Pinckney, west of Cedar Lake Rd, and north of Lakeland Trail to be reviewed at the next Master Plan review or in combination with any amendments that are found to be needed prior to the 5-year review. A Master Plan Review List was initiated and 2 topics placed on it:

1. WEC turbines
2. Land Use Designations in the area south of M-36, west of Pinckney, west of Cedar Lake Rd, and north of Lakeland Trail.

NEXT MEETING 12/09/09

LSL planner, Rob Nesbitt, is expected at this meeting and needs background information on the following topics so that he can compose and send the appropriate memos to the members on these issues before the next meeting.

- 1) LSL letter to the Board regarding Z-40-09 review map amendment section 21 St. Brendon / St. Marie
- 2) Z-50-09 review text amendment table 19-4 Nonconforming Lots
- 3) Discuss possible text amendment on lot width relief for narrow lots
- 4) Gravel overflow parking area
- 5) Recycle bins in township
- 6) Planning Commission attendance policy

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 8:23 p.m.

David Marshall, 11054 Darwood, asked if there would be a public hearing on the Cedar Lake Rd and M-36 rezoning and if the surrounding property owners would be notified.

Don Speer, 11518 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, stated that according to his calculations, Beemer had been present at 2.5 meetings since his appointment.

Closed at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ingrid Weisz
Recording Secretary