

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
April 14, 2010  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 8 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator, Ingrid Weisz, Recording Secretary.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened 7:03 p.m.

Glen Hood, 7906 Heather Marie Ct., felt that property rights are foremost with the government and that now the business owners need protection; that regulation in the zoning ordinance of parking and lettering on vehicles leads to more headaches and any such regulations should be done by associations rather than the township.

Closed 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Some spelling changes were made to several names.

**Motion by Porath & supported by Ligon to approve the 3/24/10 minutes as revised. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Dobis reported on the 3/31/10 special meeting.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** None.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDINANCE ISSUE LIST**

Lewis responded to some questions from the members about items on his list, specifically one about Medical Marijuana Care Givers. LSL is preparing information on this topic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A) Home Based Business Licensing vs SLU discussion

Homier's memo was discussed. He favors keeping it a special land use and states that by having the Township impose stringent conditions on the SLU, 'the continuation of that particular home based business becomes very unique and particularly suited to only a handful of future owners'. If it were a matter of licensing, it would go through general law, not the Planning Commission.

**Motion by Press & supported by Gannon that Dobis take the memo from FosterSwift authored by Michael Homier to the Township Board meeting next week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B) Majority Voting Process discussion

Members went over Nesbitt's memo on this topic. This memo generally met the members' needs. There was a question about adding the evaluative criteria to be used by decision makers to this table. Ligon will discuss this with Nesbitt.

C) Zoning Ordinance Issue List, Accessory Structures in Front Yard

Members determined that item i) of E. 3) b) of Chapter 19 General Provisions should be relocated to become item 4) under E., with the following items renumbered.

D) Home Occupation

Members reviewed this language.

**Motion by Ligon & supported by Press that the Home Occupation language in Chapter 19, Sect 24, Home Occupations be scheduled for a public hearing on 5/12/10. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

4/28/10 Nesbitt will attend

A) Public Hearing on Nonconforming Lots Amendment, Ch 19, Sec 25.B

B) Public Hearing on WECs Ordinance

5/12/10 Nesbitt will attend

A) Public Hearing on Amendment to Ch.31, Sec. 2D Parking & Storage of Commercial Vehicles

B) Public Hearing on On Site Housing in M1, C1, C2 & RBR Zoning Districts

C) Public Hearing on Home Occupation text

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened at 7:55 p.m.

Dan Glover, 4338 Burgess, said all vehicles on his property have been inspected by Lewis and he has titles for them all.

Don Speer, 11518 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, said Genoa Township is putting up a 50' wind turbine to operate their office.

Closed at 7:59 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Porath and supported by Ligon to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz**

**Recording Secretary**