

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
April 22, 2009  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. There were 11 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened 7:08 p.m.

Richard Schramm, 9141 Farley Rd., asked the Commission to look closely at the upcoming request of Jeff Beemer, Ed Bock Feeds, & judge it by its merits; that Beemer only wanted to protect his property.

Closed 7:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Balk & supported by Ligon to approve the 4/8/09 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Gazdecki received notice of the hiring of 2 police officers by the village.

Dobis asked if Knopf & Nester's appointments were for vacancies or term expirations. Gannon reported they were expirations & the new term is for 3 years.

Gannon received a notice of intent to update the Master Plan for the village of Pinckney. He also received and will distribute to the members and LSL various reports from the Huron River Watershed Council as well as a Code & Ordinances worksheet. This worksheet will be used to assure that the township ordinance is congruent with these specifications.

**PLANNER'S REPORT** None

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** None

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Dobis reported on the 4/15/09 meeting.

**LAND DIVISION REPORT** None

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Lewis went over his updated report.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Ed Bock Feeds, Jeff Beemer, applicant**

**Special Land Use Permit for On Site Housing of Security Personnel**

Van Steenhuyse went over his recommendations. It appears that the standards have been met for this request with the addition of several conditions which the applicant agreed to meet. Beemer has had several break-ins. Some members felt that, although this application is for onsite housing for security personnel, it is primarily to be used as a residence for the owners and that this should not be allowed in a commercial area and that security could just as easily be handled by cameras. Other members felt that our experienced planner would not recommend approval of this application if it did not conform to ordinance specifications. Applicant Beemer offered to abandon the Special Land Use Permit at a date no later than the sale of the property.

**Motion by Ligon & supported by Dobis to recommend that the Special Land Use for onsite housing for custodial or plant security personnel in the C-2 district be approved with the following conditions:**

- 1) The dwelling unit shall be utilized by custodial or plant security personnel only. No other persons are permitted to dwell in the unit;**
- 2) The parking lot shall be striped to clearly delineate the spaces, as shown on the site plan;**
- 3) Any area shown on the site plan for parking shall be kept clear of storage of goods for sale or display or other outdoor storage and; and**
- 4) Acceptance of Mr. Beemer's offer to abandon the Special Land Use Permit at a date no later than the sale of the property.**

**MOTION CARRIED (Balk & Gazdecki opposed)**

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**OTHER BUSINESS** None

**NEXT MEETING** 5/13/09 Public Hearing: Ordinance Amendments (alternate date 5/27/09)

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened at 8:24 p.m.

Closed at 8:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ligon and supported by Press to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ingrid Weisz  
Recording Secretary**