

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
FEBRUARY 17 , 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Rau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, McCloskey, Klein, Chambers and Carney
Absent: None
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pinckney Police Chief Denis
Asetline; Mike Homier, Township Attorney, Foster Swift Collins & Smith

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Six people spoke in support of Lakelands Trail planning; opposing closed sessions, recreation property purchase, spending on trail & restrictive ordinances; abolish Planning Commission to save money; support of Senior Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Chambers and supported by Klein to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve the consent agenda with the following items removed for discussion and/or approval. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

1. Ghengis For Gleaners: Tabled due to late submission.

COMMITTEES

1. Lakeland Trail Committee – A positive, informal response from MDOT.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – No report.
3. Senior Advisory Committee – No report.
4. New Fire Hall Committee – No report.
5. Police Committee – On agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Grant: \$52,473 grant was awarded for rescue tools and training, with \$2,623 as the Township portion.
2. Public Hearing - Lakelands Trail Site Plan: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to open the public hearing at 7:23 PM. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
Dick Knopf – Opposes spending on trail engineering.
Glen Hood – Money better spent on road improvement.
Jean Ligon – Appreciates the consideration of equestrian needs in trail site plan.
Rebecca Foster – Thanked Stantec Engineering for copies of trail plan to display at Village Hall; money well spent on trail.
Rich Bennett – Opposes timing of trail engineering expenditure; doesn't oppose trail improvement.
Bob Stone – Has a survey been done to determine the percentage of residents using trail.
Jim Hedemark – Plenty of public land for recreation; money better spent on roads
A motion was made by Rau and supported by Dobis to close the public hearing at 7:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
Mark Pascoe and Damien Wentzel from Stantec Engineering were present to present the final site plan and answer questions.

3. Lakelands Trail Site Plan Adoption: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to adopt the Preliminary Site Plan. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Lakelands Trail Application for Grant Funding: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to adopt Resolution #10-03 authorizing the Township to submit applications for grant funding committing to the amount, percentage of total project cost and source of match, and, authorizing Supervisor Rau to sign the grant application documents and serve as contact. RESOLUTION ADOPTED, 7-0.**
5. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Home Based Business and Home Occupation: **A motion was made by Chambers and supported by Klein to waive the attorney-client privilege to discuss a written opinion from Mike Homier, Township attorney. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein and Dobis. Nays: Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. MOTION FAILED.**

A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to go into Closed Session to discuss an attorney-client privileged written opinion. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Chambers to convene Open Session at 8:17 PM. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Mike Homier explained to the public that the manner and process for adopting the amendments did not adhere to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, thus having no legal effect. Secondly, the petitions encompassed more than one amendment, again, violating the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to authorize Trustee Dobis to consult with Mike Homier to revise the amendments to address Board concerns and send it back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

6. Village Right of Way Use Agreement: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by McCloskey to approve the Public Water & Sewer Utility Right of Way Use Agreement with the Village of Pinckney to extend utility lines in the Dexter-Pinckney Road right of way. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. South Howell 425 Agreement: Rebecca Foster, Village Council President, will discuss the zoning control issue with Council.

8. Outdoor Assembly Ordinance Amendment: Portable toilet requirement changed; tabled for approval at next regular meeting.

9. Auditor Selection Committee Recommendation: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Dobis to table selection until next meeting when copies of the bids will be provided to Trustees. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

10. Senior Center Toilet Replacement: Pinckney Plumbing charges for toilet replacement were discussed.

11. Howell Schools Summer Tax Collection Service Charge: Treasurer Carney informed Board that the charge per parcel for collecting summer taxes is \$3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Service Bid Matrix: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Chambers to approve the matrix displaying bid specifications to be sent out to police agencies. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
2. Fireworks Display: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Dobis to approve the application from Gary Locher for a fireworks display on Portage Lake 2/27/10 with a rain date of 2/28/10. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

3. ZBA Appointment: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to approve the appointment of Jim Gannon as the Planning Commission liaison to the ZBA expiring January, 2011. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Wetland Review Board Appointment: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Dobis to appoint Mike Porath as the Planning Commission liaison to the Wetland Review Board expiring January, 2011. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
5. Board of Review Appeals Via Fax/Mail: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to approve the acceptance of Board of Review appeals by fax and mail. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
6. Board of Review Federal Poverty Exemption and Asset Level Test: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to approve the Asset Level Test and Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine poverty exemptions. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
7. Board of Review Alternate Starting Date: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to adopt Resolution #10-04 authorizing an alternative starting date for the second meeting of the March Board of Review. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
8. Senior Center Disciplinary Matter and Closed Session on Real Property: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to adjourn to Closed Session to consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, an employee, Cindy Kaye, at the request of Cindy Kaye, and, to consider the purchase or lease of real property. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to convene to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Rau and supported by Chambers to terminate Cindy Kaye, employee of the Township, effective immediately for violations of the Township Employee Policy and Procedures and the directives for improvement as defined by the Administrative Committee. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Two people spoke regarding the bid process for the current Township Hall and the Open Meetings Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk