

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
AUGUST 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, McCloskey, Klein, Chambers, Dobis and Carney
Absent: None
Others Present: Mike Homier, Township Attorney; Brian Borden, Township Planning Consultant; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator; Carrie Humble, Recording Secretary

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Deputy Colleen Antal with the Livingston County Sheriffs Department introduced herself. She will be patrolling the township Wednesday through Saturday from 2PM-12AM. Another officer will be on staff for the Sunday shift.

One person spoke requesting a letter of apology to the Senior Board membership from the Senior Director in regards to the Saturday, July 10, 2010 letter written to the attention of the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Lynn Bosham with the Stockbridge Sun Times introduced herself; she will be covering the Township Board meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. 7/21/10 Special Meeting Minutes: Discussed.

PRESENTATION

1. Anne Kohl with the Huron River Watershed Council presented a summary on the Portage Creek Watershed with a goal of positioning communities to receive state and federal grant monies to protect and enhance the waterways and wildlife habitat. The Township was provided with management strategy activities and requested to review these to choose which activities the Township would be willing to take on. Trustee Klein will schedule a meeting with the Watershed Committee for follow up.

COMMITTEES

1. Lakeland Trail Committee – Commitment received from MDOT, waiting to hear from the DNR. Trustee Carney to follow up with the DNR regarding possible reimbursement of maintenance costs incurred by the Township from the maintenance grant currently held by the Friends of the Lakeland Trail.
2. Township Square Maintenance Committee – Graffiti to be removed from gazebo benches and gazebo posts to be painted.

3. Senior Advisory Committee – Meeting was held to resolve issues. Next meeting to be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Home Based Business General Law Ordinance #48: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to adopt Resolution #10-10 adopting Ordinance #48, Home Occupation and Home Based Business. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carney, Klein, Guyon, McCloskey, Rau and Dobis. Nays: Chambers. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Closed Session: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to go into Closed Session at 7:55 PM to discuss a written confidential legal opinion and pending civil litigation with the Township's attorney, Township Planner and Chairman of the Putnam Township Planning Commission. 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 McCloskey to return to Open Session at 8:29 PM. 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 Guyon to direct the Planning Commission to open the Master Plan for Review. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Senior Center (131 S. Howell St.) Exterior Paint Bids: None submitted. Supervisor Rau will seek bids by placing calls.

4. Township Hall Parking Lot Expansion: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to award bid to Allied Construction for the Township Hall parking lot expansion excluding the additional lights, not to exceed \$57,525 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Rau and Guyon. Nays: Chambers, McCloskey and Carney. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to appoint Trustee Dobis as parking lot expansion Project Manager with the stipulation the project is to be completed before the November 2, 2010 General Election. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to have Stantec Engineering oversee the project, not to exceed \$2,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Rau Carney, and Guyon. Nays: Chambers and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Land Use Permit for Commercial Child Day Care Center, Owner Dwayne Combs: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Carney to approve the Special Land Use Permit for the Child Day Care Center, 901 Patterson Lake Rd. (#4714-26-300-015) with the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Carney, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Maintenance of Flowers and Landscaping of Township Hall and Township Square: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Guyon to approve paying Gary Burg up to \$250 for maintenance of the flower beds and landscaping at the Township Hall and Township Square through October. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: Carney. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Free Land from the Livingston Drain Commission: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein not to pursue obtaining free land previously obtained through a grant by the Livingston County Drain Commission and not to pursue a grant to obtain vacant lots on the North side of Patterson Lake Rd. for a Township Park in Hell. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

4. Outdoor Gathering-Run Thru Hell on Halloween: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Chambers to approve the application from Harrison Hensley for the Run thru Hell on Halloween, benefiting residents Delores and Harrison Hensley, on October 31, 2010 at Hell Creek Ranch. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
5. Outdoor Gathering-Halloween at the Pit: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to approve the application from John Fletcher for Halloween at the Pit, benefiting Gleaner's Food Bank, on October 23, 2010 at Screener's Landscape. MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.**
6. Schedule of Development Review Fees: Tabled to 9/15/10 meeting for further information.
7. Glover Dependency Trailer Permit Renewal: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve the permit renewal for one year, expiring 9/23/11. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
8. Medical Marijuana: Discussed possibility of placing a moratorium on issue, tabled for further information.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

One person spoke regarding the time line of posting for Special Meetings; also felt names of all speakers should be recorded in the minutes; concerned that there was an agenda for a Special Meeting in which minutes were not taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.**

Carrie Humble
Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Sally D. Guyon, CMC
Putnam Township Clerk