

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Cole, Kopkau, Hefferan, Kingon, Lockett and Merillat

Also present: Weinzapfel and one audience member.

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of past minutes dated March 9, 2010:

Change date from 2009 to 2010; Change Carin to Cairn; Change Grammar to Grammer.

Motion by Kingon to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Lockett. Motion carried.

Meetings and Announcements:

Township approved 2010-01, Non-Conforming Lots Overlay Zone last night.

Small scale renewal energy systems 101 workshop April 28-May 13 in Suttons Bay.

Notice of joint pre-filing consultation meeting on ER Hydroelectric Federal Energy Commission Re-licensure Project No 3030. April 20, 9 am-5 pm.

Township Board Update:

Cole discussed the Township Board's approval of the Non Conforming Lots Overlay Zone, a possible new proposal in Michigan for liquor licenses for farm stands, and the ER Hydro Dam.

ZBA Update:

Lockett updated the board on the ZBA's volume interpretation regarding increasing volume on a non-conforming lot. The variance request dealing with the interpretation was withdrawn before April's meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Hefferan to approve agenda. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee:

Cole and Stilson discussed Kilpatrick's method for working on the ordinance. Definitions that are not used will be removed from the final document. The subcommittee has agreed with many of his recommendations and suggested language. The Subcommittee will meet May 4th at 1 pm. There is a hard copy available at the township office with Weinzapfel. Stilson said some chapters can be reviewed by their respective subcommittee when Jay submits a draft such as Home Business and Signs. Weinzapfel asked for all comments by May 3.

Point of Sale Septic Inspection:

Kingon discussed two documents sent via email: Background notes for January 19, 2010 Meeting and Three Lakes Association Comments on Phosphorus Loading from Septic Systems dated January 14, 2010. Last meeting was January 19 to discuss the issue. The subcommittee met again in March to digest all of the information and what the next steps should be. The subcommittee has determined they would like to proceed with ~~coming up with~~ drafting language for this sort of ordinance, partnering with neighboring townships to ~~come up with~~ develop similar/identical ordinances. Kingon said the health department is prepared to be a full partner in inspection and licensing inspectors. This would be inspection at point of sale or point of transfer. Lockett asked regarding sales versus transfer and the process of the real estate legalities. Kingon would like the Commission's permission to work with other townships.

Motion by Cole that the subcommittee continues to pursue this with other townships. Seconded by Hefferan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary