

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2010

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Hefferan, Kingon, Merillat, Luckett and Cole

Also present: Weinzapfel and one audience member.

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes dated May 11, 2010:

Pg 1: Under meetings and announcements, GAAMP entry:

change to read: "...on buildings, signs, lighting, location and products that may be processed and marketed for sale, and how this may affect certain local zoning ordinances."

Pg 1: Fourth line from bottom: change Agriculture to Agricultural

Motion by Kingon to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Hefferan. Motion carried.

Meeting and Announcements:

MTA: July 14th in Gaylord.

Township Board approved two additional meetings with the planner.

No ZBA update.

Luckett gave a report on the GAAMP training she attended. Luckett said they are already working on new recommendations for 2010 because some of them from last year they found to be not workable. The Right to Farm Act preempts the majority of the township zoning, except setbacks and possibly looking at signs and lighting are other areas that could be outside the Right to Farm Act. One of the interesting discussions was regarding wineries and liquor control permitting. They are constantly soliciting input.

Cole arrived at 7:12 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Luckett. Seconded by Merillat. Motion carried.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee Report:

Cole said the committee met with Jay and discussed input. Two more meetings with Jay have been approved by the Township Board. Everyone agreed that this was money well spent. We did have changes and he will bring that back before our next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, at 9 am. Once we get the next draft, we will decide if the individual subcommittees need to meet again to discuss the changes. The subcommittee will meet on June 22 at 9 am.

Point of Sale Inspection:

Kingon said subcommittee met on May 27. Prior to that, they sent out a draft proposal to other interested townships and ER Village. They got some input. Rather than for the next meeting to be joint, he would like to take this to the next step in our own subcommittee before it is discussed again with other townships. The next subcommittee meeting will be June 21st at 5:15 pm. Kingon discussed water quality and core samples from the lake bottom. He can see chemicals in the water from the 1700s. The chemicals exploded into the lakes during the logging boom.

Signs Subcommittee Report:

Lucket said the subcommittee met on May 17th. They took some of the recommendations by Jay. Some they did not. Lucket provided a draft to Jay for him to incorporate those changes.

Home Business Subcommittee Report:

Cole said they gave recommendations to Jay which he will incorporate.

Shoreline Protection Subcommittee Report:

Kopkau said they shortened their draft significantly and made some changes. These changes will be forwarded to Jay.

Termaat discussed a DEQ regulated wetland near O'Dell road.

Non-conforming Lots Overlay Subcommittee Report:

Cole said instead of listing subdivisions, it should apply to the whole township. There is no real point in saying that it only applies to these subdivisions, if there are other types of these lots, they should get the same kind of relief. There were several major changes to this one. They want Jay to go back to looking at the building envelope. Jay will rework and get the revised draft back to us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary