

Yankee Springs Township

Planning Commission

Thursday, January 17, 2013

FINAL MINUTES

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Jan. 17, 2013

As Presented Feb. 21, 2013

APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Frank Fiala.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bruce Campbell, Gordon Wells, Mike Cunningham, Cathy Strickland and Richard Beukema. Greg Purcell absent with notice. Bob Lippert, Zoning Adm., Constable Orr and Sarah Traxler, McKenna & Associates and 6 visitors.

Approval of Agenda.

Reports:

ZBA, Gordon Wells advised there was no meeting.

Twp. Board, Bruce Campbell – discussion regarding the signs at the corner of M-179 & Patterson.

Zoning Adm. – discussion regarding site plan reviews, complaint of commercial activity on Gun Lake Road.

FEMA report. SEU hearing to be held at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Cunningham to approve the December 2012 joint meeting minutes. Second by Beukema. Approved by all. Motion carried.

Confirm November 2012 billing from McKenna Associates. Motion by Beukema to recommend approval to the township board in the amount of \$607.50. Second by Wells. Approved by all. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers – Chairperson – Beukema nominated Frank Fiala as Chairperson. Support by Cunningham. Motion to close nominations and post a unanimous ballot for Frank Fiala as Chairperson. Approved by all. Motion carried. Secretary Cathy Strickland – Cunningham nominated Cathy Strickland. Support by Beukema. Motion to close nominations and post a unanimous ballot for Cathy Strickland as Secretary. Approved by all. Motion carried. ZBA representative – Strickland nominated Richard Beukema. Cunningham nominated Gordon Wells. Vote: 4 – Beukema, 2 – Wells. Motion to accept Beukema as ZBA representative based on the majority vote. Vice Chairperson – Greg Purcell. Motion by Beukema to close nominations and post a unanimous ballot for Greg Purcell as Vice Chairperson. Support by Strickland. Approved by all. Motion carried.
- b. Annual Report – review and discussion. Motion by Cunningham to approve the annual report. Second by Beukema. Approved by all. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion regarding the banner sign portion of the ordinance. Motion by Beukema to concur with the Twp. Board and suspend the enforcement of the ordinance in regard to banner signs until things are sorted out. Second by Strickland. Approved by all. Motion carried.

- d. Sign Ordinance – discussion. Strickland reviewed the proposed changes to allow each of the Planning Commission members to highlight their copies. Review and discussion. Discussion regarding the possibility of way signage that would direct individuals toward food, restaurants, etc.

Sarah Traxler recommended drafting a purpose statement for the sign ordinance.

Establish the conditions.

Recommendation for commissioners to review the language.

Fiala to get setback measurements from MDOT and work with Jim Panyrek to come up with a proposed drawing for the gateway signage. Establish a footprint.

Letter received from the Catholic Church discussing their sign which was removed by MDOT as it was in the right of way.

Joint meeting to be held with Twp. Board, ZBA and Planning Commission scheduled for January 30, 2013.

Old Business:

- a. Master Plan Update
- b. 2013 Priorities
- c. Sign Ordinance
- d. M-179 Overlay – Residential Use of Commercial
- e. 4.10.G.1 – Goats, pigs, horses on 2 acres

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hayward  
Recording Secretary

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