

Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2010

| Agenda | Items Discussed | Actions to be Taken |
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| Attendees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. and Mrs. Herm Yost, Paul Harmon • Board Members present: Dennis Bowdoin, Cindy Dickerson, George Pushies, John Harless, Dennis Sommer, Londa Horton. • Board Members absent: Scott Buell | |
| Call to Order and Pledge to Flag | Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. | |
| Minutes from last meeting | Minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were read. John Harless made a motion to accept the minutes, Dennis Sommer second. All in favor, motion passed. | |
| Call To Public | Discussion over road limit signs and speed restrictions on Chase Lake Rd. given the muddy, melting snow conditions. Noted that tanker trucks from Howell Sewer Dept. are trafficking our township roads. Concern over where the road salt goes with regards to the drinking water. | Mike Rife to address no signage regarding road restrictions. |
| Communications | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis Bowdoin presented a letter from McKenna Associates, our planning consultants, regarding the endorsement of the Commission working on alternative energy regulations. 2. John Harless has a packet of the latest zoning laws for the library. 3. May 22 will be the township Junk Day. 4. April 27-30 is Census Training at the Township Hall 5. March 16 is the public budget hearing | |
| Land Divisions | Paul Harmon brought the land division request of the estate of Joanna Mee to change the boundaries of parcels #2 and #3. John Harless made a motion to send the division up to the Township Board, seconded by Dennis Sommer. All in favor, one abstain, motion passed. | Dennis Bowdoin to take the Mee estate land division to the Township Board for approval. |

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| Old and New Business | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Harless reported on the Right to Farm Act course he attended. GAMPS was updated and it super cedes whatever this Commission does. Note that dog kennels are not a farm operation, but horse boarding where riding is permitted is considered a farm operation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The township can regulate what GAMPS doesn't regulate. • A corn maze is considered a farm operation. • If there are no sales, then there is no Right to Farm Act protection. 2. The Wind Turbine or Home Business Ordinances have not been looked at by the Township Board yet. 3. Cindy Dickerson proposed that the Commission adopt something similar to the <i>Supplementary Home Application</i> document used by Saginaw to see if applicants need a permit to begin a home business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions of the applicants that lead to a decision tree of either, "Yes" a permit is required, or "No" a permit is not required. • A sample question may ask about the traffic generated as a result of the home business. • Applicants would then come before the Commission to get final approval of the permit. Applicants would then be informed that any changes from the original application would not be covered by the original permit. • A differentiation needs to be made between a home occupation and a home based business, e.g. # of employees. • Include a signature line at the bottom of the application, and take out paved driveway on #7 of the Saginaw document. • Include verbiage that requires the applicant to appear before the Township Board again, should any conditions change since the original application. • All home based businesses are subject to an annual review. 4. Land Division Checklist Review changes tabled until the next meeting. | <p>Cindy Dickerson to present a draft proposal on the <i>Supplementary Home Based Business Application</i> at the next meeting.</p> |
| General Discussion | Typos pointed out in the Parcel Application by John Harless. | |
| Adjournment | <p>A motion was made by George Pushies to adjourn, Dennis Sommer second. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.</p> <p>Next meeting is: April 12, 2010.</p> | |

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