

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: August 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Hawkins called the meeting to order 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: Members present – Steve Ryder, Tom Towne, Jim Hawkins, Mark Felton, and Marie Kelenske

Also Present: Township Supervisor Sue Hobbs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hawkins, seconded by Ryder to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none

NEW BUSINESS

Amend zoning ordinance to allow RV's on vacant parcels. The discussion was to allow a RV only on RR1 or Ag and have to have at least one acre. Not in an R 1 zone. Must have health department permits and limit the time to six months. Motion by Ryder, Second by Hawkins to proceed. The new zoning ordinance will be written by Brian Graham.

Pole Building: A discussion was to come up with wording to allow a pole building on property before a home is built. Some people are providing housing in pole buildings. Motion by Hawkins, seconded by Ryder. A new ordinance will be drafted to allow a pole building on vacant land without a dwelling.

Announce that Sue Hobbs is the new Zoning Administrator.

Hobbs presented her visits and agenda for the month of August.

Spoke with Phil Lewin regarding plans for property on Deer Lake Rd. In the process of acquiring two – three additional acres.

Visit new construction on Brown Road and Renkie Road. Site visit to Dirk Martin residence on Metros Road.

Issued sign permit to Laurie Hodack for sign to be placed on Thumb Lake Rd.

Sent enforcement letters to Martha and Henry Baumgartner, Denise Road for junk and inoperable motor vehicle and to Kenneth Kutyla, 2311 Deer Lake Road regarding inoperable motor vehicle.

Met with Henry Baumgartner, he agreed to move fence he was constructing behind front corner of house and keep it six feet tall to meet zoning. He explained his plan to clean up his property as well as his mothers. He was told as long and there was continued progress a ticket would not be issued.

Drove the Reserve several times in response to a question regarding height on proposed construction on lot 16. Could not find this lot 16. The lots are poorly marked, if at all. Called Barb Hornbeck she is going to email me current map. Still haven't received it. Talked to property owner again, he will send what he has.

Questions from Nate Dionne, Deer Lake Road, regarding selling apples grown on their property at their home. Farm markets are an allowed use in RR1. Sign under 8 square feet does not need permit. Anything larger will need permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Inquire about property owned by the DNR on Deer Lake Rd. Write letter to the DNR about the first right to refusal on the sale of said property. Make sure it stays in public use.

The September meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for October 7th at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hawkins, seconded by Ryder to adjourn meeting at 8:35

Submitted by Marie Kelenske, Secretary