

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2006

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Luckett, Cole, Geddes, Hefferan, McKimmy, and Merillat

Also present: Weinzapfel and 7 audience members.

Approval of past minutes dated November 21, 2006

Changes:

Pg 2: thru to through; Pg 2: zoned village, any new commercial business would need a special use permit; Pg 4: waved to waived; Pg 4: amended; Pg 5: Malone.

Motion by Heferan, seconded by Cole to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Meetings and announcements:

Basic training workshop in February.

Site plan review training April 2007 in Grayling.

Approval of Agenda:

Add Elk Horn Storage

Remove items 5 and 6

Motion by Geddes, seconded by McKimmy to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Elk Horn Storage:

The sub of Stilson, McKimmy, Cole will meet Jan. 4th at 9 am.

Ordinance Review Sub Report:

Geddes gave the report dated 12/7/06. There are currently 17 open issues. Detailed information is available through Geddes. Next meeting is tomorrow at 9 am.

Boat Spaces Sub Report:

Review of language submitted 10/2/06.

Cole said the proposed ordinance does not treat personal watercraft differently. It works toward a reasonable limit for boats and personal watercraft. Personal watercraft are treated as a full boat.

Geddes said he did have some questions that he made prior to the last meeting. Cole said those items were addressed. Audience members asked questions regarding the proposed language. Geddes asked if people felt that four boats per 100ft is too restrictive. It seems reasonable to him. Hefferan asked regarding the current definition that allows four 20 ft. boats. Cole said that was correct. Stilson asked Cole regarding the MDEQ regulations. Cole discussed all of the regulations given to him by Heidi Lang. There will also be no grandfathering regarding this new ordinance since any violation of the new language would also be a violation of the present

ordinance. Regarding length of boats, the sub will take a look at how the boats should be measured. This is the only open issue as the sub sees it. The sub will meet January 4th at 11 am.

Waterfront Overlay District Sub:

The sub didn't meet because Weinzapfel was unavailable. The sub will meet Dec. 19th at 8 am.

Review of Signs Sub

Review of proposed language:

The new proposal downsizes the size of the signs and incorporates master plan language, no offsite signs. Geddes said he feels like the proposal is downsizing too much. The board discussed issues with the audience. Geddes asked regarding temporary signs. Heferran asked what is the problem with the current ordinance. Cole said he feels that the current ordinance could cause problems in the future because it isn't restrictive enough. McKimmy said he has a strong objection to offsite signs. Merillat said he will submit his comments in writing. Contractors will have to have their names on one sign? This isn't practical. Temporary off premises is limited to one sign? Yes. Three year limit on development signs, when does that start? This should be defined. The sub will continue to meet to work on these issues.

Primary/Secondary Dwelling Sub:

This sub will meet Dec. 19th at 9:00 am.

Election of officers:

Nominated were: Chair: Jim Stilson; Vice Chair: Jim McKimmy; Secretary: Joe Merillat.

Geddes moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Seconded by Lockett. Motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates:

Regular meetings of the Planning Commission will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary