

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2006

Members present: Chairman Stilson, McKimmy, Merillat, Luckett, Geddes

Also present: Weinzapfel and four audience members

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Approval of minutes dated August 11, 2006.

Motion by McKimmy, seconded by Geddes to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Meetings and Announcements:

Sandy Davids has resigned and William Hefferan was appointed in her place. He will start next month.

Remove Steep Slopes Overlay District and Rural Town Center from Agenda.

Zoning Ordinance Review Subcommittee Report:

As given by Geddes. Report submitted and dated 8/24/06. 29 open issues remain. Down from 32 last month.

Lot Split Request by Mr. Bruce E. Murphy Subcommittee Report:

As given by Stilson. Report dated August 14, 2006.

Cole arrived at 7:40pm

The subcommittee is recommending that the planning commission approve road relief for Murphy, which would allow the lot split. The letter approving the road relief from the fire chief has not been received yet, but it is expected soon.

Motion by McKimmy to approve road relief based on the findings of fact in the sub committee report dated August 14, 2006 pending the approval letter from fire chief Phil Sarasin. Seconded by Luckett. Motion carried.

Boat Spaces Subcommittee Report:

As given by Cole in a report dated 8/2/06

Cole and Merillat discussed items that were changed from the previous report. Luckett asked regarding the removal of the definition of the high watermark. Merillat said they did not think it was relevant because there are other agencies that regulate that area. There is new language that covers rivers. Luckett pointed out in section 4 that it is unclear if someone has less than 100 feet that they can have a dock. Cole says yes they can, but it must be clarified. There is also some clarification needed with "beached" boats. McKimmy asked regarding placement relating to lot

lines. Why are we avoiding setbacks of waterlines. Cole said if we do something different, we may be overriding laws currently in place. The board discussed having a setback from property lines on docks. The board also discussed the section concerning a communal dock and the MDEQ regulations. Cole also discussed the issue of jet skis counting as a half a boat.

Keith Clark complained that this sub is working toward restricting access to the water. Cole said the board is working toward providing as much access as is possible and reasonable for township residents. The subcommittee will continue to work on this issue.

Lori Luckett asked to be on the subcommittee.

Elk Horn Storage Subcommittee Report:

Report as given by Stilson dated August 28, 2006.

John Peal and Richard Gaugler are considering buying Elk Horn Storage. They are considering adding buildings and a shop to winterize boats. According to the PUD, any changes would require a site plan review. No further action will be taken by the sub or planning commission until a site plan is received.

McKimmy asked if this was a PUD so it could be a commercial use in AG. Cole said it was because it was a combination of storage and residential at the time.

Waterfront Overlay District Subcommittee Report:

As given by Geddes: The sub is reviewing other township's waterfront overlay districts.

Mobile Home Park Subcommittee Date: Sept. 18 at 11 a.m..

(Stilson, Merillat, McKimmy)

Review of Signs Subcommittee Date: Sept 19 at 11 a.m.

(Stilson, Cole, Luckett)

Boat Spaces Subcommittee Date: Sept. 19 at 9:00 a.m.

(Cole, Merillat, Luckett)

Waterfront Overlay District Subcommittee Date: Sept. 18 at 9:00 a.m.

(Merillat, Geddes, McKimmy)

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. by Luckett. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary