

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009

Members present: Stilson, Lockett, Hefferan, Cole, Kopkau, and Kingon.

Members absent: Merillat, excused

Also present: Weinzapfel and 5 audience members

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes dated July 14, 2009

Pg 2, correct spelling of erosion

Pg 2, include 50ft before "setbacks from the water"

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Lockett. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Meetings and Announcements: Zoning Right to Farm Act Workshop is Aug. 31 in TC; GIS is Sept. 17 in Petoskey and TC. See Chris for details.

Regarding the cell tower behind the old township hall, Derman is looking over a proposal from North by Northwest for AT&T.

Hefferan has received a certificate of completion for the Citizen Planner Program.

Township board approved Cottage Cove PUD Amendment August 10.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Lockett. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Amendment 09-02: Continuation

Cole said there is not a large turnout tonight. We're not getting public input on this issue. The best thing to do at this point is take more input tonight if there is any and then take the input back to the committee and bring it up again in the fall. Our local people may have concerns and they are too busy with summer activities to take notice.

Public Comment:

Keith Termaat said the current ordinance isn't being enforced. He thinks this is wrong. Cole said the subcommittee has made this recommendation to Weinzapfel. The current regulations are so restrictive, most home occupations/business wouldn't be allowed.

Mike Wehr said he has a neighbor whom he has complained about and there is still a vehicle repair business in the home. It has never been taken care of. Weinzapfel will make a note and

check it out.

Hefferan said this has been published once. Yes. Hefferan said how many people need to be in the room to move ahead with this? Cole explained his position on waiting as stated previously. Hefferan said he is comfortable with voting on the proposal.

Kington said the subcommittee hasn't met since the first public hearing so the sub really should meet and work toward resolving.

Luckett said this should be voted on and voted down since there will be changes and it will need to be republished.

Motion by Hefferan to deny Amendment 09-02. Seconded by Kington.

Roll Call:

Luckett: yea because there are changes that need to be made and re-noticed

Kington: yea for further work

Cole: yea for further work

Kopkau: yea for further work

Hefferan: yea for additional public involvement

Stilson: yea for further work and public involvement

Motion carried 6-0.

The subcommittee will take these comments under advisement. The subcommittee will meet Wed. Aug. 19th at 10 am.

Subcommittee Reports:

Non-Conforming Lots:

Stilson requested comments on the draft dated 7/15/09. Cole said he has some minor changes. However, no comments have been received. Cole passed around an illustration that could be attached to describe the building envelope. Some minor wording needs to be tweaked. Hefferan suggested showing the max size on the illustration as well as the minimum. The subcommittee will meet Wed. Aug. 19th at 12:30 pm.

Signs:

The last draft is dated 5/12/09. The subcommittee will meet again to try to come to agreement. The subcommittee will meet Wed. Aug. 19th at 8 am.

Ordinance Review:

Cole commented on the new sheet slipped in on the contents, however it is not set in stone. Cole said the subcommittee should discuss some issues on the PUD chapter. Board members should begin reviewing this. It is a big assignment. Start now. The process of hiring a professional planner has begun. The subcommittee will meet at a date yet to be decided.

Shoreline Protection:

Kopkau discussed the proposed language dated 8/4/09. She also discussed some minor word changes and some organizational changes. Lockett asked what was the impetus for this. Is there truly a need? Weinzapfel said there are six individuals who would like to make changes currently. Cole said many of the properties under discussion have large drops to the lake and need help with erosion.

Termaat said he feels this is over regulatory.

Kopkau will be working on the diagrams. The subcommittee needs to meet again Tues. Aug. 18th at 9 am.

Several lake associations would like to see surrounding townships to come up with new shoreline protection language.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm by order of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary