

Vergennes Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2006

The regular meeting of the Vergennes Township meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 pm in the Vergennes Township Hall.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach - Supervisor
Mari Stone - Clerk
Jean Hoffman - Treasurer
Vern Nauta - Trustee
Al Baird - Trustee

The agenda for the August 21, 2006 regular board meeting was approved with changes. Motion by Wittenbach; seconded by Nauta. **Motion approved.**

The minutes for the July 17 and August 9 special meeting were approved with changes. Motion by Wittenbach. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's report and bills were approved. Hoffman said money would need to be withdrawn from the Money Max fund and put in the general fund to pay bills for next month. Motion by Hoffman; seconded by Nauta. **Motion approved.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Historical Commission Discussion – The discussion has been tabled to next month.
2. Planning Commission Vacancy – Nothing new has been decided.

New Business:

1. Renewal of Scenic View Plat #4, Lots 36- 61 and #5 lots 38- 64 – A motion to extend scenic view plats #4 and #5 for five more years was made by Stone; seconded by Hoffman. **Motion approved.**
2. Approval to Place Petition Question Re: Liquor Sales on November Ballot – There was a motion to approve the ballot language for the liquor license. The motion was approved by Hoffman; seconded by Nauta. **Motion approved.**
3. Planning Commission Recommendations
 - Agritourism and Bed and Breakfast Ordinance – A motion to approve Ordinance 2006-2 was made by Nauta; seconded by Stone. A Roll Call vote was all in favor. **Motion approved.**
 - Lighting Ordinance- The lighting ordinance would restrict the type and height of a new light fixture in residential areas. The new ordinance would be passed out when someone got a building permit. It would not include fixtures already in place. Discussion resulted in an addition to the

ordinance to say it would exempt lighting for agricultural production purposes. A motion was made by Nauta; seconded by Stone, to adopt Ordinance 2006-3, Residential Lighting Ordinance. A roll call vote showed Stone, Nauta, Hoffman in favor and Baird, Wittenbach against.

Motion approved.

- Private Road Application – Todd Fuhr – The ordinance states that a road must be three and a half inches thick. The private road would be one and a half inches thick. The board stated the road could be one and a half inches if the pavement was extended to 550 feet because the conditions do not warrant that thick of a road. A motion to allow the private road to be one and a half inches thick and 550 feet paved was made by Nauta; seconded by Wittenbach. **Motion approved.**
- 4. Fireworks Permit – Fred Hay – The board stated there have been no complaints about the fireworks before so there was no reason to deny the permit. A motion to approve the permit was made by Baird; seconded by Stone. **Motion approved.**
- 5. Flat River Pines Pvt. Rd. – Final Approval – The board stated the road looks good. The approval of the road is contingent on what the Asbilt survey says. ??????
- 6. Dale Fegal - Discussion Re; Airport Easement – Rick Osborn came to the township asking for a letter stating he can divide his six acres for houses. He says the Airport came to him asking to cut down trees in the way of planes. When he went to sign the papers, they also stated he could not divide his land. The board decided this issue is more state driven than local driven. A motion for the board to ask for a letter of support from Dave Hildebrand was approved by Wittenbach; seconded by Nauta. **Motion approved.**
- 7. Discussion – 2007 Road Projects – Wittenbach will be meeting with Jerry Byrne in September regarding road issues. The Board decided not to do any minor construction projects in 07, and will instead focus on paying off 3 Mile Road and paving Fallasburg north of Three-Mile. The Road Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Fallasburg this fall. We will request three applications of dust layer for next year.
- 8. Community Sewer Study Discussion /425 Agreement – The work study for the community sewer system has been started, and we will wait to see what the preliminary response is. Another meeting with DuRay and the owners will be held at that point.
- 9. The October Board Meeting will be moved from the 16th to the 9th because of member absences.

Citizens Comments: Steve Platt said he and his neighbors would not want McPherson paved in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari Stone