

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Monday, June 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Scott Jernberg, Chairperson.

Roll Call – Baird, Mastrovito , Jernberg, Rasch, Medendorp and Post were present. Makuski absent.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2010 by Mastrovito, Medendorp seconded. Motion carried.

Approval or changes to agenda - Approve agenda as written. No changes needed. Approved. (no motion, just yes/no).

1. Public Hearing – Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Explanation by Vandersloot. Discussed minor changes. No need to read all changes since all were present at last meeting when they were discussed in detail. Main change was in regard to Mark Fleet's concern that the building code would be different if the number of children were increased. He seems ok with the code that states the State Childcare Licensing Department would be in charge of ensuring the home is up to code. He suggested we add language to our ordinance to show they must meet the State Construction Code Act 230 of 1972, as amended. Commission members were ok with that.

Opened public hearing at 7:06. No public comment. No further comment by Commission members. Motion by Medendorp to approve amendments as written to the zoning ordinance including modification memo showing how the group child care section could add the construction code part dated June 7, 2010. Mastrovito seconded. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:07 pm.

2. Joint Planning Commission Meeting Report –

Vandersloot received minutes, 2010 June 7 from May 18 joint planning commission meeting. Medendorp was at meeting and indicated other jurisdictions are discussing outdoor furnaces and possibly looking at ordinances to regulate them. Tom is wondering if we should consider ordinance for higher populated areas like Alden Nash West. Baird feels cost of fuel oil is coming down and wood prices will increase. Popularity of them will probably decrease. He believes we should wait for complaints from residents before acting on it. We are mostly rural and they should not become a nuisance. No action will be taken at this time by Vergennes Township.

Temporary buildings were another issue brought up. Do we have something in place? Jernberg feels we have something in place with our building ordinance already. It was worked on already. City of Lowell was looking at from the standpoint of the temporary structures. Pods are another issue. The Pods were popular a while ago and now are pretty much non-existent. Tom felt the temporary structures the City was referring to were the soft side buildings that can be

dropped anywhere and look like they would blow away in a strong wind. Commission members did not see this as an issue in Vergennes Township. No action will be taken at this time.

There was not much else discussed at the meeting worth bringing up. Next joint meeting is in one year to be held at Vergennes Township.

General public comment time

Not much coming up for Planning Commission. July meeting scheduled for July 12 due to Fourth Holiday. Need 4 meetings per year. July meeting is cancelled unless something comes in. August meeting is scheduled for August 9. August meeting may be cancelled as well, if there are no issues.

Commissioner Makuski is moving to Grattan Township. Law indicates we can have one non-resident on Planning Commission. Need to check with Bill to confirm his intentions. He has not tendered a resignation as of yet. Tim Wittenbach, Supervisor, will advise.

Jernberg asked if we can we modify a decision previously made (ZBA)? Vandersloot will check into it.

Mastrovito motioned to adjourn meeting, Medendorp seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. July 12 meeting has tentatively been cancelled unless issues arise. Next scheduled meeting is August 9, 2010.