



ACME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg, Michigan
7:00 p.m. Monday, May 20, 2013

Meeting called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: V. Tegel (Chair), B. Carstens (Vice Chair), S. Feringa, B. Finch, T. Forgette, M. Timmins, K. Wentzloff, D. White, D. Rosa

Members excused: None

Staff Present: N. Lennox, Zoning Administrator
J Jocks, Township Legal Counsel
K. Wentzloff, Recording Secretary
John Iacoangeli, Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Carstens, support by White. Motions carried unanimously.

INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

- 1. Continuing Education/Special Presentations:**
- 2. Consent Calendar: Motion by Finch, support by Timmins to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including:**
 - a) Receive and File:**
 - 1. Draft Unapproved Minutes of:**
 - a) Board 4/9/2013**
 - b) Parks & Rec 4/18/13**
 - 2. Planning, Zoning & Administrative Activity Report**
 - 3. Planning and Zoning News March 2013**
 - 4. The Grand Vision Tools**
 - b) Approval:**
 - 1. Planning Commission Minutes of 5/13/2013**

Motion carried unanimously

3. Limited Public Comment: Rachell Babcock 4261 Bartlett, Would like to bring fracking to our attention. She has strong feelings regarding fracking and deep injection wells.

Public Comment closed at 7:15.

- 4. Correspondence:**
 - a) Goodwill Ribbon Cutting May 24th**
 - b) Memo from Hope Village for extension of Site Plan approval for one year.**

5. Public Hearing: None

6. New Business:

a) Ag Amendment John Iacoangeli talking about opening up the Ag ordinance to include: value added agriculture products, wineries, small wineries, small distiller, community kitchens and food innovation districts.

Carstens asked why wineries were added to agriculture when we already had a winery ordinance. White added that if it is a permitted use they would not be subject to a minimum lot size. Carstens wants to enable local farmers but discourage people who just come in and set up an operation. Iacoangeli is going to try to get some feedback from the agricultural community and the people involved in establishing the winery ordinance, and states that the parcel size requirements could be kept as is, even if it was permitted. Doug White states he has no problem with that.

Timmins asked if we could put in the ordinance some language about raising livestock and allowing farmers to sell and raise their livestock. For example feral pigs being prohibited by the state, but the ordinance protecting their ability to do so. Also, making sure that the animals that are being raised that might be prohibited by the USDA for raw milk be allowed in Acme.

Wentzloff suggested that we are not allowing a winery on 5 acres, but we do allow it to be cleared and a home be built on it subject to setbacks.

Rosa asked if there is something that permits gravel/sand pits in the township. Yes, it is allowed within the agricultural district.

Also, Rosa asked what about keeping horses for a hobby farmer on less than 10 acres, and yes the requirement is currently 5.

b) Winery Ordinance Was discussed in conjunction with the Ag amendment

7. Old Business:

a) Master Plan/ John Iacoangeli We have the results of the survey and are waiting for further results. Will be able to discuss this at the May 30 Master Plan meeting.

b) Deep Injection Wells/ Jeff Jocks Jocks has researched this periodically and it has been on the agenda several times. He is looking for direction as far as if he should draft and ordinance, research more or let it die. To recap, we can regulate industrial deep injection waste wells. Hazardous and Oil/Gas wells are permitted and decided by the state and other regulations. Also cannot control deep injection wells for brine waste. So, Acme's strategic purpose for doing this would be to regulate where they would best go, or do least harm.

c) Elk Rapids Master Plan Review Iacoangeli said that he reviewed the plan and their border next to ours was the same use, so that is consistent. He also noted that it was odd that the plan made recommendations based on public opinion that could be found at the township hall and not on the agenda.

8. Items Removed from Consent Calendar:

a) Meeting Minutes of the board from 4/10/13 Forgette removed because the minutes indicated that the meeting was Tuesday April 9 AND Tuesday April 10, the dates should be clarified. Motion by Timmins support by Finch to receive and file the Acme Township special board meeting minutes of April 10. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Meeting minutes of the board from 4/16/13 Forgette removed the minutes because at that meeting they already received and filed the meeting minutes from the 4/10/13, 4/9/13. Motion by White, support by Carstens to receive and file the Acme Township Special Board Meeting minutes of 4/16/13. Motion carried unanimously.

c) The Grand Vision Tools Next month we will have a special speaker, Kim Pontius, the

director of the Grand Vision. *Motion by Timmins, support by Finch to receive and file the Grand Vision Tools. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Reports:

a) Zoning Committee: Went over the agenda. Pastor Redmann, Paul Turowski from Woodland Creek. Jim Christians and Dan Kelly will also be joining the citizen/business side of the committee. Action from meeting is that Lennox and Paul Turowski will be going to the Acme Business Association to get feedback regarding Form Based Zoning. The next meeting will be June 11, 2013.

b) Storm-Water Draft Ordinance Carstens is wondering what the result of their meeting was. He would like to see more low impact development. It was only one paragraph in an 11-page document from Ellen Kohler from the Watershed Center. Iacoangeli said that there are some holes in the current work that we are looking at for our township. A revised draft should arrive shortly for review.

10. Planning Commission Items for Discussion (*items must be submitted one week prior to the scheduled PC meeting. Discussion limited to 5 minutes for each item listed.*)

11. Public Comment/Any other business that may come before the Commission: *Public Comment opened at 8:48 p.m.* Rochell Babcock 4261 Bartlett has been to several deep injection well hearings and is concerned that we will not get any notice that deep injection wells have been approved in our area until they go to hearing. *Public Comment is closed at 8:50 p.m.*

ADJOURN Motion by White support by Finch to Adjourn at : 8:55 p.m.