



ACME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
Monday, Oct 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call:

Feringa x Rosa x DeMarsh: excused

Finch x Forgette x Wentzloff x White x Timmins x

OTHERS PRESENT: Lennox x Jocks x Iacoangeli: excused

- A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: opened at 7:06 p.m. closed at 7:06 p.m. None
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by: Feringa 2nd:Finch**
With addition of letter from Paul Tyrer to Correspondence
- C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Dan Rosa states that Paul Tyrer is a customer of his at Home Depot. Jeff Jocks states that is not a conflict.
- D. CONSENT CALENDAR
- a) RECEIVE AND FILE:
1. Draft Unapproved Minutes of:
 1. Township Board Minutes: 10/01/13
 2. Shoreline Advisory minutes 09/24/13
 3. Parks & Rec. Advisory Minutes 09/26/13
 4. Planning, Zoning & Administrative Activity Report 09/25/2013
 - 5.
- b). ACTION – Consider approval:
- 1.Planning Commission Minutes of 09/16/13 and 09/30/13
Motion by: Finch 2nd:Timmins
- E. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:
1. _____
 2. _____
- F. Correspondence: Letter re: Acc. Building Height from Paul Tyrer
- G. Public Hearings: None
- H. **NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Site Plan Review for 6925 M-72 Building Addition
Motion to approve by: Feringa 2nd: Finch Motion carries to approve Site Plan
Approval of the Site Plan with the addition of fencing and seeding the storm-water retention basin.
 2. Chickens Ordinance: Proposed ordinance for the keeping of chickens in residential districts is read by Lennox. They would be a us allowed by right in the R-1, 2, and 3 Districts.

6.2R-1 DISTRICT: ONE-FAMILY FOREST AND COASTAL DISTRICT

6.2.2 (Chickens, to be inserted at subsection “m”, with renumbering of the following subsequent subsections)

m. Chickens: The keeping of up to 4 chickens (no roosters) for personal use.

Subject to the following:

1. A maximum of 4 chickens (hens) may be kept per parcel. Roosters are prohibited.
2. Chickens shall be confined/housed within a fenced area in the rear yard.
3. Enclosures shall be located at least 25 feet from any dwelling on a neighboring parcel and 10 feet from the rear and side property line.
4. No chicken shall be kept on parcels with more than one dwelling.
5. Slaughtering chickens outdoors is prohibited.

Discussion amongst PC members regarding number of chickens and removing #5. (slaughtering chickens outdoors is prohibited.)

Motion to send to hearing by: Feringa 2nd: Timmins with the increase in the number of chickens to 6, and the removal of #5 (slaughtering chickens outdoors is prohibited.)

Motion carries to send to hearing

3. Proposed Ord. amendment Sec. 7.2.1 e. Accessory Building Height Limit

Proposed Ordinance is read by Lennox who stated that there have been requests over the last year by residents to have an accessory building over 14 feet, as they would like to store their boats and campers inside and cannot accomplish this with the present height limit of accessory buildings. She has had 3 requests in the last 2 weeks.

The letter read under correspondence is from a builder who is requesting to build a detached building in excess of 14 feet to store a boat. Due to the narrowness of the lot, he cannot build an attached garage. He would like to have a workshop in the attic of the accessory building.

Discussion by members. Finch does not like the look of a 35' building in a neighborhood. Feringa adds that it would be in the rear yard. Jocks comments on the mean height in our ordinance. It is described by Feringa.

Motion by Feringa to send ordinance as proposed to hearing. 2nd by Timmins

Roll call vote: Forgette: yes, Rosa: no, Finch: no, Wentzloff: no, Feringa: yes, White: no, Timmins: yes. Motion fails

Motion by Feringa to send ordinance to hearing with the building height limit not to exceed 24 feet. 2nd by Timmins. Amended by Finch :not to exceed the height of the principal building

Motion Fails

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Motion unanimously carries

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Acme Township Master Plan Update-John Iacoangeli

PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Dan Rosa: would like to see more comment from the public, not just at public comment time, but during discussion of agenda items.

Feringa: attended the Fall Michigan Association of Planning Conference. Stated that it was very informative, and that Beckett and Raeder won an award for their plan at Peshawbestown.

ADJOURN: Motion by: Timmins 2nd: Finch