



Armada Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes - Draft

March 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: De-

+Also: Chris McLeod, Planner; Boelke, recording secretary

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve/Amend Agenda
5. Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting – December 1, 2010
6. Public Comments
7. Public Hearing - none
8. Reports and Correspondence
9. Unfinished Business - none
10. New Business
 - a. VanPaemel Storage Facility
 - b. Budget
 - c. Annual Planning Commission report
 - d. Election of Officers
 - e. Township Board Appointments
11. PC Projects
 - a. Review definition of farm based on January 25, 2011 meeting information
 - b. Set public hearing for ordinance amendments
12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting April 6, 2011

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Kehrig at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Kehrig immediately afterward.

Roll Call: 🇺🇸DeCock, 🇺🇸Finlay, 🇺🇸Finn, 🇺🇸Jabara, 🇺🇸 Kehrigh, 🇺🇸 LeMieux, 🇺🇸 Swiacki

Approve/Amend Agenda: Added 'd. Election of Officers' under new business

Motion made by Swiacki to approve as amended, seconded by Finlay, all ayes, motion carries.

Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting – December 1, 2010

Motion made by Finlay, seconded by Swiacki to approve minutes as presented; all ayes, motion carries.

Public Comments none

Public Hearing - none

Reports and Correspondences

Status of projects reports for January and February, update on Stoneridge; new code enforcement procedures, Michigan Stormwater Association Conference notice; *Planning Zoning News* for December 2010 and January 2011; basic parliamentary information 'cheat sheet;' Sencog University – water quality seminar April 4th – MSU complete streets workshop. **Motion made by Jabara, seconded by LeMieux to record and file reports and correspondences as presented.** All ayes, motion carries.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. VanPaemel Storage Facility – Bob Van Paemel not present. **Motion made by Jabara, seconded by DeCock to move to when applicant arrives.** All ayes, motion carries.
- b. Budget -- **Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Jabara that we reviewed and accepted proposed 2011 budget as presented** – All ayes, motion carries. Send to board with our approval.
- c. Annual Planning Commission report -- **Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by Kehrigh to approval annual planning commission report prepared by the planner and forward to the board.** All ayes, motion carries.
- d. Election of officers – **Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by LeMieux to maintain Kehrigh as chair, DeCock as vice chair and Jabara as secretary.** All ayes, motion carries.
- e. Recommendation to township board to reappoint Planning Commissioners in February in advance of our elections. **Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Kehrigh to recommend to the township board to reappoint planning commission members in February.** All ayes. Motion carries. This is so the planning commission knows when it elects someone for the year they are already reappointed and will be able to serve.

PC Projects

- a) Review definition of farm based on January 25, 2011 meeting information. After a robust discussion on the pros and cons of different definitions there was a **motion made by Finlay, seconded by Jabara to adopt the Michigan Right to Farm Act as our definition of a farm and carry the definition of "farm" and**

“farm products” as is with it; and to state if any issues or conflicts arise the definitions in the Michigan Right to Farm Act apply. All ayes, motion carries. This is to promote agriculture in the community and limit any undue burden on farmers, in contrast to our previous farm definition from PA 116 that seemed cumbersome with its demands for financial verification.

- f. Medical Marijuana moratorium
Motion made by DeCock, seconded by LeMieux to recommend the township board put a moratorium in place on medical marijuana dispensaries, compassion centers and grow facilities for one year while we consider the ordinance. All ayes, motion carries.
- g. Set public hearing for ordinance amendments
Motion made by Finlay, seconded by Finn to hold the public hearing for ordinance amendments at our next regular meeting. All ayes, motion carries.

Public Comments -- none

Adjournment –

Motion made by DeCock, seconded by LeMieux to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. All ayes, motion carries.