



Armada Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

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APPROVED MINUTES

June 1, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order – Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair led the meeting in the pledge immediately afterward.
3. Roll Call: present: Kehrig, DeCock, Jabara, Swiacki, Finn, and Finlay. Absent: LeMieux. Also present: Chris McLeod, planner and Sam Boelke, recording secretary.
4. Approve/Amend Agenda --**Motion made by Kehrig, seconded by Swiacki to approve as presented. All in favor, motion carries.**
5. Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting – March 2, 2011 – **Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by Kehrig, to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carries.**
6. Public Comments – Heard from floor - Beth Abercrombie regarding a letter received about Stoneridge Estates.
7. Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance Amendments
 - a. Open hearing for discussion --**Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by Finn to open the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carries.**
 1. Confirmation of publication – Chair affirms publication of notice in the voice newspaper, our newspaper of record.
 2. Explanation of procedures – Chair describes procedures.
 3. Overview of proposed ordinance amendments – The planner read through the list of proposed amendments and reminded the audience that the planning commission is a recommending body with the township board being the decision-making body.
 4. Public comment – Question from Camille Findlay on clarification of and examples of usage of the administration review authority.
 5. Close hearing -- **Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by Jabara to close the public hearing at 8 p.m.**
 - b. Commission discussion – Questions regarding medical marijuana, daycare times, grades, wind energy, and signage requirements.

- c. Adoption of decision of the commission - **Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Swiacki, to recommend ordinances as presented to the township board for their consideration. All in favor, motion carries.**
- 8. Reports and Correspondence
Motion made by Swiacki, seconded by Jabara to receive and file as presented. All in favor, motion carries.
- 9. Unfinished Business – none
- 10. New Business
 - a. Consumers Energy Update on Ray Station Plant #3
Stella Carroll, Project manager Ray plant #3 as communication spokesperson for the project came and updated the planning commission with a slideshow. They are on target to complete the project on March 13, 2013.
 - b. Open burning ordinance discussion
Resident Mr. Tim Cheeks requested the discussion as his neighbor burns his trash consistently and there are currently no enforceable ordinances to manage burning. Resident was urged to contact the county health department as he claims it's affecting his health. **Motion was made by DeCock, seconded by Jabara to recommend the township board set up a committee to write an open burning ordinance. Finn and Jabara volunteered to sit on the committee. All in favor, motion carries.**
- 11. PC Projects - none
- 12. Public Comments – heard from the floor regarding history of Stoneridge Estates and current efforts to go forward as well as concerns about safety at the trail heads due to overgrown vegetation.
- 13. Adjournment – **Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Jabara to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. All in favor, motion carries.**

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: July 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted:

Sam Boelke
Recording Secretary

Approved:

DJ Kehrig, Chairperson

date