

These are the minutes of the April 13, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Heasley, Shields, Parmelee, Myers, Demaray, Coffey, Davis and Mark Sisson.

Absent: None

Davis made a motion to approve the March 2, 2006 minutes as presented, Myers seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Roberta Beckers is requesting a SUP to build an accessory building in front of her home located at 4050 32nd St., Dorr, MI, parcel 0319-020-015-10. (Section 11.09(d) of the zoning ordinance. This building will be used for storage only, no business. They will use existing drive to access the building. Reason for placement in this area is the house is located quite far off the road.

Parmelee indicated that the building doesn't interfere with neighboring properties and looks quite nice.

After further discussion, Parmelee made a motion to grant the SUP as requested, Davis seconded, motion carried.

Sally DeBoer is also requesting to build an accessory building in front of her home located at 3203 136th Ave., Hamilton, MI, parcel 0319-032-017-20. (Section 11.09(d) of the zoning ordinance. This building will be used for storage only, no business. The reason for placing this building in the front of the house is due to a gas pipeline going through the middle of the property. They will use existing drive to access the building, doors will be on the south side.

The applicant's daughter was at the meeting and stated that this parcel (legal description for the SUP) was split into two parcels. Bob Jones looked on the map and according to his records there is only one parcel, one legal. After general discussion, it seems that the proper documents were not recorded in Allegan to complete the split; also proof is needed for the easement of the joint driveway.

Parmelee made a motion to table the request until the next meeting, May 4, to give applicant time to provide the proper documents to prove the parcel was split into two. Demaray seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

Demaray SUP. Jesse would like to wait until the PC acts on amending the home occupation ordinance. Request remains tabled.

Shields stated to the PC that they need to recommend to the Township Board which PC members we would like reappointed. Alice has told the Board she will join us for another term and Jesse wants to remain as well.

Mark then went over the future master plan map with the PC and Township Board. He reviewed what changes the PC are considering to retain the "rural flavor" of the township and different land uses.

It needs to be addressed the issue of rezoning property as industrial or commercial so residential development doesn't come in before hand. If land is identified on the master plan, yet not rezoned, it will not protect against residential development.

There being no further business, Davis made a motion to adjourn, Coffey seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cris Heasley, Secretary
Salem Township Planning Commission