

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119th Ave. and 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Looman. Also present were Planning Commissioners Gooding, DeZwaan, Reimink, Howard, Soltysiak and Birkes.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 4/1/09 as presented. Motion carried.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Board and Planning Commission to review the most recent draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance with much of the discussion centered around the existing tiered zoning and the revisions to it that are suggested in the new ordinance. A significant amount of rezoning of the township will be required with the removal of tiered zoning, but will also likely with the addition of the new zoning districts and district name changes.

Zoning Administrator Smalley is conducting a comparison of the old ordinance vs. the new draft and submitted an initial memo citing areas that are missing or need to be incorporated. A follow up letter was submitted by Smalley and forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Commission reported several areas they continue to work on and will incorporate the changes discussed at this meeting.

It was suggested that the fee schedule for Special Land Uses be a table of rates instead of one flat rate due to the number of items now requiring Special Land Use approval and they range from small items to large developments.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the consent to vacate portions of S. Main between lot 72 & 73, Ann ~~St.~~ between lot 68 & 69 and lots 64 & 65, and Monroe Street from the easterly R.O.W. of Lakeshore Drive to its end at the easterly line of Lot 66 & 67. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes, Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

It was suggested that a change ~~to be~~ made to the Tower Ordinance/Article to require the full distance of the structure be contained on the parcel with the tower.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk