

**Ganges Township Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes FINAL for April 17th, 2008
Ganges Township Hall
119th Avenue and 64th Street
Fennville, MI, Allegan County**

I. Chairman **Birkes** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Chairman: Jim **Birkes** – Present
Vice Chairman: Barry **Gooding** – Present
Secretary: Jackie **DeZwaan** – Present
Commissioner: Sally **Howard** – Present
Commissioner: Ed **Reimink** – Present
Commissioner: Dawn **Soltysiak** – Present
Board Trustee: Terry **Looman** – Present

Also present was Zoning Administrator – Tasha **Smalley**

II. **General Public Comment – None**

III. **Zoning Ordinance Workshop**

The Planning Commission discussed the process of communicating information to the Township Board for review and the process of submitting information for approval. The consensus was that the Board be updated with review in an ongoing manner, however *the concept of submitting for approval upon completion* the current project of updating the Definitions and General Provisions be submitted for approval upon completion. Having these two revisions ~~adapted~~ *adopted* will assist the PC when doing Site Plan Reviews

The Planning Commission met with Brenda **Moore** (Principal Planner with LSL Planning, Inc) beginning the review process of both the General Provisions and Definitions.

IV. **Other business that may come before the Commission**

DeZwaan opened discussion regarding the delivery of packets to the PC. It was agreed that the correspondence from **Moore** will be sent to the PC via both mail and email to all PC members, Zoning Administrator **Smalley** and Recording Secretary **Hall**. ~~DeZwaan Howard~~ will forward the PC contact information.

V. **Future Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled Special Meeting is May 22nd at 7:00 pm. Moore will be at that meeting also, however she may not be at the June meeting, leaving it up to the PC to determine whether they want to take a meeting to review the items among themselves before continuing with **Moore** at the July meeting.

VI. **General Public Comment**

Bob **DeZwaan** (2259 68th Street, Fennville) 1) he didn't hear a description of Farm Market 2) his understanding regarding diseased fruit trees is that the owner replace the tree, but not take care of the trees 3) when regulating signs, if that includes gas station signs that are high, cell towers that can include signage, and/or a sign along the road or on the side of a building 4) expressed concern regarding wooded lots and the clearing of them without authorization or permission 5) concern for the use of single strand electric fence for some of the same reasons addressed regarding the use of single strand barbed wire 6) he would like to see a requirement for setbacks when installing exterior wood burners (pellets and other alternative heat sources being used) 7) he suggested that when the zoning ordinance refers to "Houses on Lakes", it should read "Lake Michigan and Hutchins Lake".

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Looman** to adjourn this meeting at 10:15 pm, supported by **Howard**. Motion approved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ronda J. Hall
Ganges Township Recording Secretary**