

Ganges Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes FINAL for September 27, 2011
Ganges Township Hall
119th Avenue and 64th Street
Fennville, MI, Allegan County

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair **VanLeeuwen** called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call:Chairman: Neil **VanLeeuwen** – Present Secretary: Phil **Badra**-Present
Vice-Chair: Jackie **DeZwaan** – Present Commissioner:Roy **Newman**-Present
Commissioner: Ross **Wightman** – Absent Board Trustee: Barry **Gooding**-Present
Commissioner: Charlie **Hancock** – Present
Zoning Administrator Tasha **Smalley** was absent.

II. Additions to the agenda and adoption

Motion by **Gooding** to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by **Newman**. Motion passed.

III. General Public Comment

No Public Comments.

IV. Correspondence and upcoming meetings/seminars

None

V. Public Hearing -None

VI. Approval of July 26, 2011 minutes

July 26, 2011- Motion by **VanLeeuwen** to approve the July 26th Regular Meeting minutes with corrections. **DeZwaan** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

a. Additional discussion

1. Small Distilleries-Since our Township is a dry township VanLeeuwen questioned if this should be included with it not being legal. DeZwaan stated that it could be left and be in place for future changes. It was decided that Small Distilleries will be removed.
2. Keeping animals- There was discussion about what animals this would apply to. Section 3.18 addresses Large animals. Badra has been questioned about this issue and had information from another township to look at. Allegan County Animal Control

Ordinance regulates nuisance animals such as stray livestock, animals running on others' property, "free range" chickens. Gooding asked about clarification on livestock, which is 5 acres per 2 animals and then ½ acre for each additional animal. It was decided to include in general provisions: Keeping of animals allowed in all zones if in compliance with Section 3.18 and the Allegan County Animal Control Ordinance.

3. Attached wireless antenna- The discussion centered around this being permitted in all zones. Ag zone is permitted with SLU. Concerns were about adding a tower to a silo and

being over the 75 foot limit. VanLeeuwen questioned why there was a need for the SLU. DeZwaan stated that there had been concerns as to how the antenna was attached or connected. Discussion also centered on if the antenna is attached to a tower or to another structure. There is a Township Board Ordinance concerning adding to a tower -Board Ordinance #21. DeZwaan stated that there seems to be a conflict between the Planning Commission and Board Ordinance. VanLeeuwen stated that this will need to be checked out further. It was decided to add wordage to the Matrix concerning an antenna being attached to an existing tower. Page 14-41 deals with this issue. It was decided to make it permitted in all zones as long as 75' or less, and SLU over 75'.

4. County Notification “ and Amendment- There will be a need for change in the language since the County Planning Commission has been dissolved. Gooding asked about the **procedure** Master Plan Amendment. VanLeeuwen and Badra have already checked into the change. It “The Master Plan” will need to be sent to the County Clerk “which is not required” and to “the South West” Regional “Planning Commission and surrounding Townships”.

IX. Administrative Updates

- A. Township Board-**Gooding** stated that the carpet and tile project of the Glenn Fire Hall was revisited. This was approved some time ago but now it needs to be done. He also stated that there was a problem on Walker Road but it is being taken care of.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals – **Newman** stated that there was a meeting on Tues. October 4th.
- C. Zoning Administrator – No report since **Smalley** was absent.

X. Future Meetings Dates

October Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00PM at the Ganges Township Hall. This will be a Public Hearing which needs to be posted by Monday, October 3rd. Badra and VanLeeuwen will be in contact with Clerk Yonkers to get this in the paper. Also it will be posted on line.

XI. General Public Comment

Jim Birkes – 2344 70th Street – Congratulated the Planning Commission on completing the Ordinance update that will be discussed at the Public Hearing in October.

XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by **Newman** and supported by **Badra** to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously. Adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana VanDenBrink
Ganges Township Recording Secretary