

Ganges Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes DRAFT for January 27, 2008
Ganges Township Hall
119th Avenue and 64th Street
Fennville, MI, Allegan County

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Roll Call: Chairman: Jim **Birkes** – Present Vice-Chairman: Barry **Gooding** – Present
Secretary: Jackie **DeZwaan** – Present Commissioner: Sally **Howard** – Absent
Commissioner: Dawn **Soltysiak** – Present Commissioner: Ed **Reimink** – Present
Board Trustee: Terry **Looman** – Present
Zoning Administrator Tasha **Smalley** was also present.

II. General Public Comment

Don **Karaus**, 2025 Brookhill Dr., thanked the Commission for copies of the Commercial and Industrial zone worksheet. Questioned about service repair shops, asked that the Commission make sure they are addressed.

There were no further public comments.

III. Correspondence

Correspondence included:
Monthly Ganges Township Planning Commission Memorandum report for December .
Zoning Administrator **Smalley** presented two memos.
Letter from the Township Attorney was received.

IV. Administrative Updates

- A. Township Board: Trustee **Looman** mentioned the MI Land Use Leadership Academy, it was decided to talk more on this later.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals: Vice Chairman **Gooding** said there was nothing new to report.
- C. Zoning Administrator: Tasha **Smalley** reported that a letter had been sent to Lakeshore Landscape Supply, Dan **Ciesla** had filed his report and she would inspect reclaimed land when weather permitted, and that the taxidermy business issue had been taken care of.

V. Business Session

- A. Approval of prior minutes:
December 16, 2008- A motion was made by **Gooding** to approve the December 16th Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by **DeZwaan**. Motion carries unanimously.

December 18, 2008 – A motion was made by **Soltysiak** to approve the minutes of the December 18th Special Meeting with corrections. Seconded by **Looman**. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by **Soltysiak** to approve the January 27, 2009 Agenda as presented. Seconded by **Looman**. Motion carries unanimously.

C. Old Business

Birkes presented email he had with Supervisor **Hebert** concerning ToDo, LLC and Black Rezoning Application.

Motion by **Gooding** to postpone deliberation on both issues until the next Regular Meeting or after conferring with legal counsel. Seconded by **Soltysiak**.

Discussion: **Birkes** passed out a Memorandum he had done to give background on how the Commission had made their decision, and encouraged other members to do the same and make them available to Supervisor **Hebert**. Motion carries unanimously.

D. New Business

1. Election of 2009 Officers.

Gooding nominated **Howard** for Chairwoman, seconded by **Reimink**. **Soltysiak** will accept Vice-Chairwoman, and **DeZwaan** will remain as Secretary as long as a recording secretary is obtained by March, 2009.

Slate of Officers: **Howard** – Chairwoman
Soltysiak – Vice-Chairwoman
DeZwaan – Secretary

Slate approved with 5 to 1 vote.

2. 2009 Michigan Land Use Leadership Academy information was presented. Dates are February 20-21, 2009. If anyone interested they need to contact Ganges Board soon.

VI. Zoning Ordinance Update Project

DeZwaan has had discussions with Mr. **Hinz** about rules and regulations through the Health Department. **Birkes** suggested that maybe it would be a good idea to have Mr. **Hinz** come and talk about how the Health Department and the Planning Commission relate concerning zoning issues. **DeZwaan** will contact about coming in February, speaking maybe 20-30 minutes.

Work was completed on the Commercial/Industrial Districts Worksheet. Each member was encouraged to go through this list now with their own notes and make any notations. **Birkes** will redo the worksheet to eliminate those marked for deletion and duplicates, then the Commission will be able to go through the list again at the next meeting.

VII. Work Summary & Future Meeting Dates

The next Special Meeting is Thursday, February 19th at 7:00PM at the Ganges Township Hall.

The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00PM at the Ganges Township Hall

VIII. General Public Comment

Andy Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr., thanked the Commission for the work they are doing. He felt having the Health Department come in and talk was a good idea. Also to remember criteria for machine shops/tool and die when it comes to solvents, and vehicle service, such as washes, when it comes to water usage.

Lana Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr., commended the Commission for the large job they are doing and asked if the worksheet is available to the public. She urged consistency in dealing with different areas of the zoning chart.

Bob DeZwaan, urged that the Ganges Board also be invited to hear Mr. **Hinz**, need to work together even after permits issued. Suggested that maybe a wind study could be done for heating sources such as woodburning, pellet stoves. Also voice concerns about warehouses and their potential to grow, and buildings around towers.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by **Looman** and supported by **DeZwaan** to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously. Adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana VanDenBrink
Ganges Township Recording Secretary

