

Ganges Township Planning Commission
Special Regular Meeting Minutes FINAL for May 25th, 2010
Ganges Township Hall
119th Avenue and 64th Street
Fennville, MI, Allegan County

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Roll Call: Chair: Sally **Howard** – Present Vice Chair: Barry **Gooding**- Present
Secretary: Phil **Badra**– Present Board Trustee: Terry **Looman** - Present
Commissioner: Ed **Reimink** – Absent Commissioner: Jackie **DeZwaan** – Present
Commissioner: Ross **Wightman** - Present
Zoning Administrator Tasha **Smalley** - Present.

II. Additions to Agenda and Adoption

Badra suggested the approval of the 5/18/10 minutes be added for review. Motion was made by **DeZwaan**, seconded by **Looman**, to accept the Agenda with addition. Motion passed.

III. General Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

Letter to Mr. Martinson from Phil **Badra**, Planning Commission Secretary, regarding the continuation of his Site Condo application.

V. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the 4/27/10 regular meeting were reviewed with minor changes recorded by **Badra** and **Howard**, mainly the title changes for **DeZwaan** and **Badra** and a change in **DeZwaan**'s vote on the Martinson site condo to yes. **Gooding** moved, **Badra** seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/27/10 with corrections noted. Motion carried.

The minutes from the 5/18/10 Special meeting were reviewed with changes recorded by **Badra** and **Howard**. **DeZwaan** moved, **Looman** seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/18/10 with corrections noted. Motion carried.

VI. Martinson Site Condominium Project

The deadline for Martinson to submit all information to **Smalley** is Friday, 5/28/10, in order to have this item discussed at the June regular meeting on 6/22/10. Mr. Martinson is aware of the deadline. **Howard** moved, **Badra** seconded, to postpone the Martinson Site Condo discussion until such time as all information required is received in a timely manner. Motion carried.

VII. Zoning Ordinance Workshop

Discussion centered on preparation for the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearings, explaining to the public the items that are known to be missing from the current draft that will be incorporated. The draft from the attorney was received just prior to the meeting without much time for Commissioner's review. **Badra** and **DeZwaan** identified items individually that they questioned the accuracy of based on prior conversations and some additional modifications will be required. Significant time was spent reviewing the current commercially zoned properties, discussion regarding the proposed clustering of like zoned properties along Blue Star and M-89

as a better planning method and determining the least controversial and most productive way of gaining public input. The intention of the public hearings is to gain feedback from the audience participants for further review, not to debate or defend the draft ordinance.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Administrative Updates

Looman reported the Board did meet on 5/19/10 to begin reviewing budgets for 2010/2011 but did not have the proposed PC budget as prepared and approved by the Commission. There were no significant decreases planned for the new fiscal year and no questions were raised regarding expenditures for the current fiscal year.

Gooding reported no ZBA hearings have been held in 6 or 7 months.

Smalley reported she'd had discussion with Ciesla regarding the current sand mining operation which is coming to the end of the 5 years approval period. It appears Mr. Ciesla will reapply for another 5 year Special Use permit to continue mining sand. **Smalley** will complete a review of the site on 5/23/10 to document the appearance of the property as of the end of the first Special Use application

Smalley also restated Mr. Martinson should have all information to her by Friday, 5/28/10, or his Site Condo project will not be discussed at the 6/22/10 regular meeting.

X. Future Meeting Dates

June Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Ganges Township Hall. The Public Hearings will be on Tuesday, June 29 and Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Glenn Community Center.

XI. General Public Comment

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by **Looman** and supported by **Badra** to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Yonkers
Ganges Township Clerk