

MARKEY TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

August 5, 2010
Regular Meeting

The Planning Commission met August 5, 2010 at the Markey Township Hall at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Burge. Roll call: Present were Chair Tom Burge, Joe VanOstenbridge, Ron Duquette, Hal Hackett, Stan Gardner, Tim Grahl, Mary Kelly, Cathy Oleniczak and 1 citizen. Absent: Joe Devins.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Duquette. It was seconded by Gardner and passed.

The minutes of the July 1, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion from Duquette and a second from Grahl. VanOstenbridge abstained from voting.

Duquette reported on the seminar he attended at Gaylord. The seminar offered suggestions on updating items in line with current information – census and permits – and incorporating into the public comments “time limits” and “no duplications”.

Burge reported on the ZBA’s response to the PC’s inquiry on the definitions of the terms “sundry” and “incidental” as used in Garage Sales, and a discussion followed.

Oleniczak reported on the Land Use Permits, violations (Baxter), (dog kennels on Flint Road), and upcoming site plan (old Duck Inn).

Old Business: Greenhouses and Nurseries: Following a discussion, Burge made a resolution to make the following changes (from the July 13, 2010 changes sent to the MTB) and sent to the Markey Township Board: Under Section 16.07, R. A greenhouse for personal use shall be considered an accessory building and shall not exceed **200** square feet, example: 10’ x **20**’, and under Section 16.07, R, Sub #2, insert **C**. Rear yard setback 30 feet. Duquette seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hackett, Gardner, VanOstenbridge, Grahl, Duquette, Burge. Nays – none, 1 – Absent.

Citizen Dave Galvin asked that item #4 Temporary Canopies be moved ahead on the agenda. The PC complied. Galvin appeared before the board in June on this issue and is asking that the board consider changing the ordinance as temporary carport canopy being allowed (at no cost) with a required permit for a six month period, April 1 to October 1 and civil court ramifications if not promptly removed. Grahl stated that he is currently working on wording for a new ordinance which will address temporary canopies. The PC suggests that the new wording allow temporary canopies with controls,

limit the quantity to one (1), and a choice of a time period for six (6) months of the year. Grahl will have the wording for the ordinance ready for review at the September meeting.

Fences, Section 3.15, Sub C: Burge made a resolution to present at a public hearing for consideration of increasing a 6 foot privacy fence to be **24 feet** in length. Currently, the allowed length is 20 feet. The reason behind this change is that fence sections are sold in 8 foot lengths. Grahl supported and Roll call vote followed: Ayes- Gardner, VanOstenbridge, Grahl, Duquette, Hackett, Burge. Nays – none. Absent – one.

Garage Sales, Section 3.19: Grahl made a motion to present at a public hearing for consideration in removing the wording **or any other offering of incidental and sundry items for sale**. Roll call vote: Ayes – VanOstenbridge, Grahl, Duquette, Hackett, Gardner, Burge. Nays – none. Absent – one.

Roadside Sales, Section 16.07, SS: Grahl made a motion to revise as follows:

- #1. One roadside sales area no larger than 10'x10'.
- #2. Only firewood, or home-made, or home-grown items will be allowed.
- #3. Side setbacks must be met.
- #4. One sign, not greater than 2 square feet will be allowed.
- #5. No banners, flags, or flashing lights will be allowed.
- #6. A permit will be required and valid for 6 months.
- #7. Roadside sales will be allowed in all zoning districts except commercial.

Gardner supported and passed with a roll call vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. This has been to the County and passed with concerns. Those concerns were addressed and will now be presented to the township board for approval and renumbering as needed.

New Business: Jurisdiction, Section 17.03: Hackett introduced concerns that fall in this ordinance. After a brief discussion, the PC tabled the subject and will be revisited as Old Business in the September meeting which allows time for the PC to review.

The PC set the new Public Hearing for Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular meeting.

Duquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Stan seconded; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelly
Recording Secretary