

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 29, 2010
7:30 P.M.
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Bill Kolenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Roll call: Present; Fuehring, Kolenda, Mitteer, Wilson, Terryn & Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator. Absent: Ferwerda, Hosner, Marciniak and Whitney.
3. Approval of Agenda: Fuehring motioned to approve the agenda, Mitteer support, all yes, motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion by Wilson, support by Fuehring to approve the minutes of the April 27th Planning Commission meeting as submitted. All yes, motion carried.
 - Motion by Wilson, support by Terryn to approve the minutes of the May 25th Planning Commission meeting as submitted. All yes, motion carried.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Zoning Administrator Report:
 - Carnival of Chaos will not be held in Golden Township
 - Survey of residents for ideas for the Master Plan have been sent out and responses are already coming back.
 - Next meeting Dick Walsworth will be submitting a permit for a cell phone tower on his property.
7. New Business:
 1. Updated Site Plan for the Mears Museum
 - Updated plan is to add on to the transportation building and also to move Ralph Fenton's cabin on to the site. This plan is a complete representation of all the buildings that are currently on the site and the two requested additions.
 - All set backs have been considered and are OK.
 - Lighting was discussed. New emergency lights will be installed at the Transportation building.

 - Motion by Mitteer, support by Wilson to approve the updated Site Plan as submitted. All yes, motion carried.
8. Old Business: None
9. Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

a. ByLaws

-Discussed the number of recommended participants. 10 different areas can possibly be covered with less members. Currently we have 9.

7:41 Hosner arrives.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Hosner to approve the By Laws as presented. Motion carried.

b. Section 4.33

-Discussion regarding whether this is too restrictive or not restrictive enough.

-Enforcement was discussed. We can change the rules, but can we enforce them?

-Tents were not specifically considered in the Ordinance.

-Kolenda recommended creating an Ad Hoc Committee to meet and discuss the pros and cons of the issue and bring their recommendation to the Planning Commission.

-Resident states he personally does not want to be restricted. He states the campground owners are the only ones voicing concerns regarding this issue.

-Other townships have permit systems for RV's on their property.

-Renters could also be contributing to the problem. This is an issue at Lake Michigan Shores.

-Discussed enforcement and again considering the possibility of adding another enforcement officer.

-Questioned whether rentals could be considered commercial to give them different standards to live up to.

-Kolenda would like to work on the Master Plan this year and Zoning next year.

-Kolenda recommended dismissing 4.33 at this time.

-Kolenda will recruit members for the Ad Hoc committee. Members will include residents and business owners both for and against the issues within 4.33.

Kolenda will request that this committee report back to the Planning Commission this fall.

10. Public Comments:

-Dr. Roseman stated there are problems with accessing Ordinances on the website. #27-32 Ordinance numbers are missing. Ordinance Numbers 36 and on are broken. Also stated that the County GIS is moving along and will be here soon. Requested that site plans be submitted in Auto Cad so they can easily be inputted in to the mapping program.

-Mr. Dion questioned whether there is a possibility of the Carnival of Chaos returning. Whelpley stated they will be able to try, but they are now aware of the paperwork process. It would also have to be approved by the Township Board.

-Fuehring stated that \$8,800.00 in lawyer fees were paid to keep Carnival of Chaos out of Golden Township. The Township cannot be reimbursed for these fees because the issue never made it to court.

-Roseman questioned whether the Township could threaten Val Du's PUD if they pursued Carnival of Chaos without approval from the Township Board. Whelpley stated that it was.
-Keith Adams questioned whether it was dismissed from the court. Whelpley stated it was settled out of court.

11. Wilson motioned to adjourn, Terryn second.
Mtg. Adjourned: 8:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Wiegand
Recording Secretary