

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
March 15, 2011
7:30 pm
Special Township Board Meeting
Golden Township Hall

Special Meeting to discuss the proposed revised Mass Gathering Ordinance and Noise Ordinance.

Present: Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand, Fuehring.

Meeting called to order by Walsworth at 7:15pm

1. Discussion regarding the revised Outdoor Gathering Ordinance #46

-Whelpley discussed revisions.

-The number of people that attend an event to make it necessary to file a Mass Gathering Permit is changed to 500.

-Exemption for 501c3 businesses agencies was removed.

-Applications should be in 60 days prior to the event.

-Permit fee schedule was revised as follows:

- \$350 original application fee

- \$50 for each additional event

-Fencing requirements are not necessary. This should be left up to the applicant.

-Fuehring requested a review meeting following events that have a mass gathering permit. This meeting would include the event organizer, a member of the Golden Township Board, the Zoning Administrator, and a Sheriff Office representative. This meeting would be scheduled at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator and could be held after one-time events, or consecutive events.

-Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage will be as follows:

- \$500,000 for 5,000 or less people

- \$1,000,000 for 5,000 – 10,000 people

- \$2,000,000 for more than 10,000 people

- \$25,000 performance bond to ensure the area is properly cleaned up after the event. A letter of understanding could also be used here for multiple events, at the board's discretion.

- \$300 to be charged for a Special Meeting, if required.

Public Comment:

-Craig Cihak questioned how the Performance Bond would work and if there was a wedding reception for 600 people would they need that performance bond? Craig questioned whether this insurance could also be based on attendance. He also questioned whether a letter of understanding would be enough to be able to enforce the penalty if needed.

-Discussion whether the Sand Drags should be submitting a Mass Gathering Permit. This would depend on attendance.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the revised Mass Gathering Ordinance as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Whelpley recommended acting on the Mass Gathering Permit request from Val Du. The revised ordinance does have to be publicized for 30 days, however, we have Val Du's request for a while and none of their events are scheduled before the 30 day deadline.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the multiple Mass Gathering Permits submitted by the HCC Foundation on behalf of Val Du. All yes, motion carried.

-Cargill questioned whether anything in the permit application would have to be changed to fall under the new ordinance requirements. Whelpley stated he would check in to it.

-It was understood that the permit will be issued when all requirements of the new Mass Gathering Ordinance have been met and the 30 day waiting period has been met.

2. Discussion regarding the Noise Ordinance #47

-Whelpley recommended changing all noise restrictions to 11:00pm.

-Also recommended adding the Right to Farm Act to the list of exceptions.

-Wiegand questioned the wording from Section #4 regarding what is considered "too loud," it seems a little vague. Sheriff Farber commented that he was in agreement with the statement in the revised noise ordinance. It allows them to make decisions about noise levels without the use of the decibel meter.

-Cihak questioned whether tickets could be written for noise violations to possibly prevent future problems. Whelpley stated the ordinance stated that the fine is not more than \$500 and would be at the discretion of the Magistrate.

-Bill Kolenda questioned whether the irrigation at his golf course could be considered a noise violation. After discussion, the board agreed that it was possible, but not likely to be enforced at the county level as it is necessary for his business.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the revised Noise Ordinance as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

