

MINUTES
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
August 28, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Lefler, Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Present; Wilson, Fuehring, Terryn, Lefler, Whitney, Kolenda, Marciniak, Schulte, and Zoning Administrator Whelpley. Absent: Ferwerda.

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Minutes of the July 31, 2007 Meeting: Motion by Fuehring to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2007 as presented, supported by Wilson. All ayes; Motion carried.

New Business: Site plan amendment for Craig's Cruisers. Whelpley explained that this project is to add an accessory building. The property is zoned RC, Resort Commercial. It meets all setbacks and is a proper use.

Motion by Marciniak to approved the amendment to the Craig's Cruisers site plan as it meets Section 12.11 standards, supported by Fuehring; Roll call vote Marciniak, yes; Fuehring, yes; Wilson, yes; Terryn, yes; Whitney, yes; Kolenda, yes; Schulte, yes; Lefler, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ordinance Amendments. Lefler suggested that after the input from the public hearing the planning commission should remove the controversial items for further study and review, lot size, combining of lots, 50% lot coverage, private roads, dwelling width from the proposed amendments and forward the remainder to the township board for approval. Many of these are mandated by the new Zoning Enabling Act.

Whelpley went through the proposed changes with the members, copy attached. Motion by Fuehring in accordance with Section 18.5(1) to recommend to the township board to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendments dated August 28, 2007, supported by Kolenda. Roll call vote Fuehring, yes; Kolenda, yes; Wilson, yes; Terryn, yes; Whitney, yes; Marciniak, yes; Schulte, yes; Lefler, yes; Motion carried.

Discussion of how to make the changes more acceptable to the public. Look at neighborhoods and areas rather than the whole district. Look at all effects of changes. Not making the lot combining retroactive among other things. Lefler will try to meet with the road commission to get more input about private roads.

There being no other business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Whelpley, Recording Secretary