

ALGOMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 15, 2008

A meeting of the Algoma Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Algoma Township Hall located at 10531 Algoma Ave., Rockford, MI 49341.

Chairman Witham called the meeting to ORDER at 7:03 P.M. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Chairman Witham, Vice-Chairman Newberger, Secretary Poolman, Members Bigney, Ensley, and Heminger.

Absent: Member Lecceadone.

Also Present: Site Plan Review Committee Members Bates and Sjogren, and 1 citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Minutes of the June 17, 2008, Regular meeting -**

On Page 11, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 6<sup>th</sup> line, Vice-Chairman Newberger added a comma after the word "recommendation". Also on Page 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, the word "and" was added between the words "commercial" and "office".

Member Heminger made additions to Page 12, all in the first paragraph. The 1<sup>st</sup> line, the sentence was changed to read "He said he has a heart for small businesses and they are the lifeblood of America and they provide jobs...". He added the word "probably" to the 6<sup>th</sup> line, between the words "is" and "not". The 7<sup>th</sup> line he added to the end of the sentence to read "...on both sides because of the way it is already filled in and presently zoned". The 8<sup>th</sup> line, he changed the sentence to read "I do not believe the township wants the added traffic...".

With no further corrections or additions Member Bigney motioned to APPROVE the minutes of the June 17, 2008, meeting as amended, seconded by Member Heminger. The motion PASSED.

**Acceptance of Site Plan Review Committee's report -**

There was no report.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Secretary Poolman motioned to APPROVE the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newberger. The motion PASSED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

**Chairman** - Member Bigney nominated Jack Witham as Chairman, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newberger.

**Vice-Chairman** - Member Bigney nominated Bob Newberger as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Member Ensley.

**Secretary** - Chairman Witham nominated Jack Poolman as Secretary, seconded by Vice-Chairman Newberger.

The nominations of Jack Witham as Chairman, Bob Newberger as Vice-Chairman, and Jack Poolman as Secretary PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thomas Antor was present and introduced himself as the candidate for Kent County Commissioner running against Fritz Wahlfield. He talked about his family, current local government positions he holds with Sparta, and topics that concern him such as senior health services and housing, agricultural lands, and P.D.R.s for the preservation of farmland.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT & RECEIVED:

**Building Inspector's report** - This was reviewed.

**Any Other Correspondence** - There was no Other Correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings.

TABLED BUSINESS:

There was no Tabled Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

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ON-GOING BUSINESS:

**Tickler File** - There was nothing in the Tickler File.

**Ordinance Amendments -**

Chairman Witham stated the sub-committee had their meeting last Wednesday night and the topics they are considering include the Industrial District and combining the districts, light and heavy making them one, language for the Scenic View Overlay District, Home businesses, and other small items. He said they plan on working through things one section at a time and bringing it to the Commission for review and action.

**Representative reports -**

Township Board: Member Bigney reported there was a resident that had come to the township for a permit to have one small pony and then she got two horses so it has become a problem with the neighbors. He said there also was a complaint regarding burning around Camp Lake area affecting the Orchard Park neighborhood so they will be looking at that.

Board of Appeals: Secretary Poolman stated there were no appeals filed for the month of July.

**Any Other On-Going Business -** There was no Other On-Going Business.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Bigney motioned to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:32 P.M. The meeting was ADJOURNED.

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Jack Poolman, Secretary

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Julie M. Sjogren, Recording Secretary