

## Zoning Commission

May 12<sup>th</sup>

2010

### ATTENDING:

Larry Schrader

Dave Duma

John Yeargin

Bill Arnold

Janelle Albertoni

Jeff Childers

Jim Demboski

David Vartenuk

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Mr. Schrader opened the meeting with a roll call and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Schrader asked the commission to review the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 commission meeting.

Mr. Yeargin made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Albertoni. All of the commission members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schrader asked the secretary to recap the Portage County Regional Planning Meeting concerning our revisions. The PCRPC approved both of our revisions as written.

Mr. Arnold stated that the law passed in Summit County restricting gaming. Eleven (11) of the spin to win rooms in the area have banded their attorney's together to fight the new law.

The question was presented what would Suffield do if this type of venture tried to come into the township. Mr. Arnold said that the county governments will have to take care of the issue for the townships. A guy in Litchfield is attempting to open game rooms on his numerous agricultural properties. No one is sure how they will stop it from happening. They may have to grant him a conditional use permit. The operators won't tell anyone how the programs work or the money breakdown, there aren't any records. The state is just beginning to realize what they are losing in possible tax dollars.

Mr. Schrader asked if we stay with the permissible use approach, "if it is not in the book it is not allowed.

Mr. Vartenuk suggested that we contact the Assistant Portage County Prosecutor Chris Meduri to get his take on the issue and how to approach it. Mr. Schrader asked Mrs. Albertoni to speak to the Zoning Inspector Mr. Albertoni about contacting the Assistant Prosecutor.

Mr. Childers suggested that we include an item in the definitions or SEC 801 to state our position.

Mr. Schrader stated that we can hold our hearing Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. prior to our regular meeting. The secretary should place a hearing notice in the newspaper.

The speaker at the Tea Party meeting held at the town hall last week recommended people attend government hearings including the local zoning meetings. The crowd was standing room only.

Mr. Schrader asked if there was any further business for the evening.

Mr. Yeargin said he went to the recent BZA Meeting. The first hearing was for a woman that bought a property that the septic system and driveway weren't on her property when she purchased the place. The survey did not show the discrepancy, the health department clued her in. The second hearing concerned a request Andy Grow made to add two (2) signs for his Pony business. The plan was to erect the signs at the two (2) most accident prone intersections (Rt. 43 & Randolph Road, and Rt. 224 & Congress Lake Road) in the township. Both requests were denied with votes of 3-1 and 2-2.

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Mr. Schrader requested the secretary send a card to Mr. West for the loss of his wife on behalf of the Zoning Commission.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Arnold, and seconded by Mr. Duma. All of the commission members voted in favor of the motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

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Larry Schrader - Chairman

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Adam Bey – Zoning Com. Sec.

During the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting a motion was made by Mr. Duma to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold, then all members voted in favor of the motion.