

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2007

Chairperson, Mark Simon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Van Lente.

Present: Sue Van Lente, Mark Simon, Julius Platte, Clyde Woodman, Bill Manning, Bill Vallier, Ron Carleton, Kami Brown

Absent: Geri Simon

Guests: Jeanne Vandersloot, Darryl & Brenda Merrifield

Minutes of the November 2007 meeting were read and accepted. Motion by Julius Platte, seconded by Mark Simon to approve. All were in favor.

Public Hearing (Plainview Subdivision)

The Public Hearing to give a zoning designation to Plainview Subdivision was opened at 7:06 p.m. No residents were present to comment. Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m. Motion by Julius Platte, seconded by Bill Vallier to recommend to township board that Plainview Subdivision be designated as R1. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Home Occupation Ordinance:

Darryl and Brenda Merrifield were present. They would like to construct a pole building on their property to use for auto repair. Our zoning ordinance presently does not contain a Home Occupation section which would allow them to do that. There was no opposition to their request, so Mark Simon asked Jeanne to put together a suggested ordinance, which will be reviewed at the May meeting.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2008:

Chairman: Mark Simon nominated by Sue Van Lente, seconded by Ron Carleton, all were in favor.

Vice Chair: Bill Vallier nominated by Mark Simon, seconded by Clyde Woodman, all were in favor.

Secretary: Sue Van Lente nominated by Mark Simon, seconded by Kami Brown, all were in favor.

Divine Highlands:

Divine Highlands developers have not constructed the berm which was required by their permit. Jeanne sent them a registered letter asking them to reply by May 15, 2008, and stating that she will not issue any more zoning permits until the berm is completed.

Public Comments: None

Planning Commission Member Comments:

Kami Brown was welcomed as the newest member of the Planning Commission.

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting will be held on May 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m..

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Julius Platte, seconded by Bill Vallier to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.