



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2014

Deerfield Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by chairman, Jim Wynes at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Virginia Wood, John Montross, Jim Ball, Connie Lynch, Josh Wheaton
Chairman Jim Wynes, and Zoning Adm. Roger Lintemuth.

Absent: none

AGENDA REVIEW: Motion to approve agenda made by Connie Lynch, second by V. Wood Passed 6-0

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes of the Nov. 12, 2013 meeting was made by V. Wood, sec by J. Ball. Passed 6-0

Zoning Administrator's Report:

- 1) Questions asked about wording of the ordinance dealing with apartments.
- 2) 33 zoning permits issued in 2013.

Public comment: None

Unfinished business:

- 1) Concerning the still open vacancy on the planning Committee: J. Ball made a motion that the board make concerted effort to fill the empty position as soon as possible. Seconded by C. Lynch – vote was 6-0

- 2) Discuss/Review revisions to Zoning Ord. and Master Plan
 - A) Focus on Master Plan – are we comfortable with it the way it stands? What do we want to change?
 - B) With the new Mich. Zoning Enabling Act, there are many legal questions which Townships cannot answer on their own. The Planning Com. discussed getting help from a qualified person to answer these questions. Connie will take our request to the Board.
 - C) Johnson request: suggested by C. Lynch to add “Sporting Goods Store” to the list of business in ord. 15.01. Motion made by C. Lynch to add “Sporting Goods Store” to the list of SUP’s in Sec. 15.01 of our ordinances. Seconded by J. Wheaton.
Rollcall vote asked for by Chairman Wynes as follows:
C. Lynch yes
J. Ball yes
J. Montross no
J. Wheaton yes
V. Wood yes
J. Wynes no
Passed 4-2

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Training Schedule:
Class being offered in Clare Co. on Jan. 15. All newer members requested to attend.
- 2) Fee policy: We need to review the township’s policy on regularly scheduled meetings versus special meetings. Re: Postage, publications etc. Connie will get input from the board.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Five people at meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. Motion made by J. Wheaton, second by John Montross

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2014 at 7pm

