

Pennfield Charter Township

Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of April 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm at Pennfield Middle School Cafeteria. Members present were Paul Anderson, Jon Bartlett, Jack Pooler, Brad Messenger, Mickey Harris, Curtis Whitaker and Elaine Walter. A quorum was met.

Others present: Supervisor Rob Behnke, Planner Russ Wicklund, Recording Secretary Sandra Cummings, and one resident.

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jon Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Brad Messenger to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2012. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Discussion on new Master Plan Map for Pennfield Township.

Mr. Wicklund discussed the proposed changes to the Master Plan Map. He discussed the designated areas for Flood Plain, Wetland, Open Space, and Recreation. The Planning commission members mentioned the need to preserve Farmland areas, and to designate areas for High Density Residential/Multi-Family use. The

area currently zoned for the Manufactured Home Park, located on M-66 just north of Swift Road, may soon be rezoned back to Agriculture due to the cost of running public utilities that far north and the lack of interest in development at this time. Mr. Wicklund mentioned the need to be consistent with the Master Plan in regard to future requests for rezoning. This will prevent too many requests for amendments to the Zoning Map.

b) Discussion on amendments to the signage requirements under the Township Zoning Ordinance

The Planning Commission is comfortable with the amendments regarding signage requirements, and is ready to set the public hearing as required for amending the Township Zoning Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

a) Setting of Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Pennfield Township Zoning Ordinance with respect to signage.

Brad Messenger made a motion, seconded by Curtis Whitaker, to set the public hearing for the proposed signage amendments for May 7, 2012. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alice Godde commented that the price of the Enquirer and News will be increased on May 1, 2012.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mickey Harris commented on the up-coming repairs to the M-66 Bridge north of White Rabbit Road.

Elaine Walter thanked the Commission for the "Get-well" card.

Rob Behnke commented that MDOT will have a public meeting on June 7, 2012 regarding the bridge repairs. The meeting will probably be held at the Pennfield Middle School Cafeteria. The time will be 4:00

pm to 6:00 pm. He also stated that the County Road Commission will no longer pick up discarded tires along the road, and that another means of picking up tires will have to be found.

Brad Messenger commented that it is almost summer, and advised everyone to be watchful for two-wheeled vehicles on the road.

Jack Pooler advised that he will not be attending the May 7, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting is May 7, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Curtis Whitaker made a motion, seconded by Brad Messenger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sandra Cummings

Recording Secretary