

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Carl Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Members Present: Mike Archer, David Herlein, Carl Jacobson, Ken Melville, Mel Rice and Richard Roth

Members Absent: Susan Luplow and Doug Martz

Guests: Neal Jordan, Bob Gray, David Burdick, Lisa Burdick, John E. Lucas Sr.

Staff: Jan Gardner - Township Zoning Administrator

Minutes: On a motion by Roth and seconded by Melville the minutes for the June 10, 2014 meeting were accepted. Approved.

Public Comment: none

New Business: Public Hearing – App for Rezoning RZ 14-01 Parcel # 000-12-14-176-001-00
John E. Lucas, Sr., builder/developer, and Dave Burdick, owner/operator, described their plans to construct a steel building that would be used as a malting facility. Barley would be grown on the parcel, processed into malt, and then sold to micro brewers. Mr. Burdick answered questions regarding possible noise and odor from the processing operations. Jan Gardner pointed out this 176 acre parcel on the Zoning Map and the Future Land Use Map. The existing zoning is C-3 along Spring Arbor Road with the remainder of the parcel zoned AG-1. The Township's request is to change the C-3 zoning to AG-1. Jan explained that the proposed change is consistent with the objectives of the Township's Master Plan and will also allow the property owner to construct their processing facility closer to Spring Arbor Road. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Dave Herlein and seconded by Mel Rice to recommend to the Township Board the rezoning of parcel #000-12-14-176-001-00 from C-3 to AG-1, which will result in the entire parcel being AG-1. Motion Approved.

Possible text amendment regarding Section 6.10 of Zoning Ordinance Members received and discussed the current text and proposed text. It was agreed to move forward with a public hearing next month.

Old Business: none

Reports – none

Member Comments – none

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Herlein, Secretary