

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
February 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Poole on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township hall.

Members Present: Robert Poole, Carl Jacobson, Ken Melville, Troy Ganton, Richard Roth, Roy Holton, John Williams and David Herlein.

Absent: Mel Rice.

Guests: Gordon Milnes, Jim Campbell and Jan Gardner

Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Jacobson to approve the minutes from the Sept 9, 2008 Planning Commission meeting with the following corrections: under Members Present, Richard Roth and Roy Holton should be deleted; motion to approve minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting was supported by Jacobson not Williams. Carried.

Election of Officers:

On motion by Ganton and supported by Melville to elect Poole as Chairman. Carried

On motion by Melville and supported by Ganton to elect Jacobson as Vice Chairman. Carried

On motion by Poole and supported by Melville to elect Herlein as Secretary. Carried

Citizen Input:

Gordon Milnes of Village Crossing Mall and Jim Campbell, tenant, expressed concern and requested consideration/changes to current sign ordinance. Currently each time he changes the sign copy on a tenant's sign he has to pay a permit fee of \$100.00 (The sign base and size remains unchanged.) He would like to have this ordinance changed as this causes a hardship to the new tenant and it gets expensive with so many signs in the mall.

Milnes also wants to use temporary signs with changeable signage for advertising in addition to existing signs. This sign would be portable and allow tenants to advertise special sales, events, etc. They have used this type of sign for 14 days for an annual community event at the mall.

Planning Commission will discuss at their next scheduled meeting.

New Business:

Outdoor wood fired furnaces-- Proposed Ordinance.

Jan Gardner presented the rationale to have an ordinance to regulate outdoor wood-fired furnaces. Information covered included state code requirements and what other townships are doing. Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed ordinance. The consensus of the Planning Commission was to proceed with a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Herlein Secretary