

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

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

Members Present: David Herlein, Roy Holton, Carl Jacobson, Jeff McGraw, Ken Melville, Mel Rice and Richard Roth

Members Absent: Matt Potter and John Williams.

Guests: Jan Gardner-Township Zoning Administrator, Jim Hannen, Gerald L. Couch, Joan Herlein, Trudy Bartlett, Philip Bartlett, Gordon D. Milnes, Marston Fortress, Mary Laughlin, Robert G. Smilowski and David J. Laughlin.

New Member – Jacobson shared that a new Member – Matt Potter was appointed, last night, by the Township Board. He will be at our next meeting.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson – A motion by Rice and seconded by Roth to appoint Holton as Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission. Holton declined the nomination. On a motion by Holton seconded by Roth to nominate Rice a Vice-chairperson. Motion Carried.

Minutes – On a motion by Melville and seconded by McGraw the minutes for the July 19, 2011 meeting were accepted as written. Approved.

New Business

A. Site Plan Review – SPR 11-3 Gordon Milnes/Pine Meadows Revised Plans for Surface Water Retention. Gordon Milnes asked to have this review tabled at this time. He will advise the Township when he is ready.

B. By-laws – A motion was made by Helein and seconded by Holton to approve By-laws as written. Approved.

C. Slice of Spice Signage – Gordon Milnes, Village Crossing owner, asked that the Township see what can be done about the speed limit being lowered in front of the mall. He was advised to contact Michigan Department of Transportation as they have jurisdiction for State Highways such as M-60. Slice of Spice owners and Mr. Milnes shared their feeling that signage isn't sufficient for the mall and business owners. Both would like temporary signs, banners etc to promote mall business. Mr. Milnes stated that he would meet with the owner of Fritz Advertising and Jan Gardner to come up with a specific proposal to improve the signage for Village Crossing. A question was raised as to whether it might be possible to request a variance (from the Zoning Board of Appeals) to allow for a temporary sign (90 days) while a longer term solution is identified and implemented. Marston Fortress indicated that this should be checked out with Township legal counsel. On a motion by Herlein seconded by Rice a sub-committee will be set up to review current sign regulations. After more discussion Roth called the

question. Motion Carried. The sign committee will be comprised of McGraw, Rice, Herlein and Jan Gardner.

Public Comment – Jim Hannen asked if he was OK with his sign on the trailer. He was advised to meet with the property owner and the township zoning administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Herlein
Secretary