

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board**  
January 28, 2008  
Avon City Hall

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Ken Mergen at 8:00 P.M.

**Pledge:** Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Lowell Rushmeyer and Stephen Saupe. Also present – Supervisor John Merdan.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mergen moved to include on the agenda requests for conditional use permits by Deb & Lois Angulski and Jamie Schmitz. Rushmeyer seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mergen moved to approved the minutes of the December 30, 2008 meeting. Rushmeyer seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Public Hearings:** none scheduled

**Business**

1. Angulski Certificate of Compliance – Deb and Lois Angulski appeared before the Planning Board to request a Certificate of Compliance for an administrative subdivision of their property. They own one parcel of 80 acres in Avon Township and an adjacent 40 acre parcel in Albany Township. They propose splitting off a 32 acre section in roughly the middle of the 80 acre parcel and using a sliver from the parcel in Albany Township to make up a total of 40 acres. They plan to remodel and add to the existing farm house. No new driveway will be required and they will use the existing well. Rushmeyer moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve a Certificate of Compliance. Mergen seconded. Approved unanimously.
2. Schmitz Certificate of Compliance – Jamie Schmitz appeared before the Planning Board to request an administrative subdivision split of his roughly 40 acre parcel into two separate parcels. One parcel would contain the home site of 2.7 acres and the other parcel would include the remainder. This is being requested for mortgage purposes. He had been in contact with Jennifer at the County and was told he required a Certificate of Compliance. Mergen moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve a Certificate of Compliance assuming it meets all conditions in Stearns County Ordinance 209. Nelson seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Noise Ordinance Discussion – The Board began to edit and amend a working draft of an ordinance to regulate large gatherings in Avon Township. As the discussion proceeded, considerable opposition to the draft document was raised. The Board generally agreed that the draft was over-regulatory and that an Ordinance regulating gatherings seemed too unwieldy to solve the noise issue that prompted this process in the first place. The Board agreed that any ordinance should more directly target noise issues and that we should focus our efforts in that direction. Kremers moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a limited noise ordinance that would restrict noise from licensed

establishments. Rushmeyer seconded. Approved unanimously. The Deputy Clerk will prepare a draft of ordinance to be considered.

**Announcements:** Rushmeyer announced that there was no news from the Joint Powers Board. Marge Evans from Avon City was present at the meeting as an observer. She was in favor of more discussions and cooperation between city and township. The Board wondered about the status of the nursing home projects proposed for the township.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for February 25, 2008.

**Adjournment:** Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. Nelson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe  
Deputy Clerk

Minutes amended & approved: