

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board
February 27, 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, Steve Plantenberg, Lowell Rushmeyer, Joe Scepaniak, and Stephen Saupe. Supervisor Leroy Gondringer was also present.

Agenda: The following items were suggested for addition to the agenda: (1) Plantenberg requested a discussion of township records; (2) Mergen requested a discussion of gravel pit inspections; (3) Gondringer requested time to report on several issues. Mergen moved to approve the addition of these items to the agenda. Rushmeyer second. Approved unanimously.

Minutes: Some typographic corrections to the minutes of the January 30, 2008 were made. Rushmeyer made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Seconded by Mergen. Approved unanimously.

Business

1. No variance hearings were scheduled.
2. Township Records – Plantenberg suggested that we initiate a project to sort through and organize township records. Currently our records are scattered in various locations (Clerk Smith's, Gondringer's, Town Hall). We could establish a filing system into which records are sorted. This would enable easier access to records and provide a systematic approach to scanning the documents for electronic preservation. The Board generally agreed that this was a good idea and recommends that the Supervisors initiate such a project.
3. Gondringer reminded Mergen that the Planning Board Chair normally gives a report about permits, etc., at the annual meeting.
4. Gondringer reported briefly on attending Township Day at the state capitol.
5. There was considerable discussion about the Zwilling property. Presumably a document has been found that indicates the property is adjacent to City land which would make it eligible for annexation. Gondringer reported that the township attorney is currently studying documents to determine if it touches city property as is required. No one has any recollection of this and Mergen couldn't find any record in township minutes from 1974-76. If a document exists with a loophole that would permit annexation of the site, the Board agreed that although it might fit the letter of the law, it would certainly violate the intent and spirit of the agreement. Rushmeyer indicated that he is aware of several parcels mapped as part of the City that are actually in the township. He is working to correct this. Rushmeyer also indicated that just because the City owns a

property, doesn't mean that it is in the City. Someone suggested that if the City wanted to do it properly they would purchase and annex the township properties between the City and Zwilling property.

6. Fire Hall – Eric Linn has indicated that the fire department needs to either renovate the existing fire hall or build a bigger space to handle their equipment needs. The City had planned to do an assessment space needs using funding from the fire fund, but the City decided to not do so. Chief Linn is receptive to the idea of pursuing a fire hall on township land that would be shared with the township and it would include space for township meeting, records, and perhaps future equipment. The planning board was favorable to this idea. The Fire Board meets next Tuesday evening. John Merdan will represent the township.
7. Gondringer reported that Jeff Lange expressed an interest in continuing to do snow removal for another three years. The township is satisfied with Lange's work but by law will need to obtain at least two quotes and must accept the lowest responsible bid/quote.
8. Mergen indicated that we need to set a time for the two gravel pits (Bromenshenkel, Rausch). Mergen moved to recommend to the Supervisors to set the inspection of the gravel pits for April 9 at 5:00 PM. Scepaniak seconded. Approved unanimously. We will meet at one pit at 5:00 and then plan to start the other at 6:30 PM. Plantenberg recommended bringing maps and a digital camera. Rushmeyer will have maps prepared if he gets the parcel number or legal description. We will need to publish the date/time of the inspections.
9. No one has received any feedback from township residents about the discussion about wood-fired boilers.

Announcements: none

Next Meeting: The next Planning Board meeting will be March 26, 2008.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 PM. Scepaniak seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe
Deputy Clerk

Minutes amended & approved: 26 March, 2008