

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MINUTES - Public Hearing - Monday, July 14, 2008

MEETING COMMENCED: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

Larry Dehring, David DeKett, Jim Milstein - Chair, Gary Schuelke (arrived at 7:08) and Karen Szymanski

ABSENT

Chuck LeFebvre and Jim Rau

OTHERS PRESENT

Les Klimaszewski - Building Inspector
Frank Brink - Planning Consultant
Marie Twite - Supervisor
Neil Barlow - Gustin Twp
Ray Somers - Gustin Twp
Gerald Puff - Gustin Twp
Robert McDonald - 6416 Turnbull Mill Rd

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. DeKett made a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented, L. Dehring **supported**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correct roll call under "Reconsider Conditional Zoning". Milstein voted nay, not aye. With this change, D. DeKett made a **motion** to approve the May 12, 2008 minutes, L. Dehring **supported**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

(Gary Schuelke arrives to the meeting.)

Frank Brinks name was misspelled in the second paragraph under "Workshop". With this change, D. DeKett made a **motion** to approve the June 23, 2008 minutes, L. Dehring **supported**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Alpena Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Wind Energy Systems - Fran Brink, Wade-Trim
D. DeKett made a **motion** to send the language as presented to the Alpena Township Board of Trustees, G. Schuelke **supported**.

Roll call vote: L. Dehring-aye; D. DeKett-aye; C. LeFebvre-absent; J. Milstein-aye; J. Rau-absent; K. Szymanski-aye; and G. Schuelke-aye. **Motion passed unanimously.**

WORKSHOP

1. Status of Ordinance Amendment - Fran Brink, Wade-Trim
Discussion: F. Brink will write language specifying exactly what constitutes a front yard in order to lessen confusion and conflicts.

2. By-Law Revisions

Discussion: The commission agreed that the by-laws should be updated every year. F. Brink passed out copies of the MI Planning Enabling Act - Act 33 of 2008 which goes into effect on September 1, 2008. The commission discussed adding language regarding conflicts of interest to the township by-laws as written in the MI Enabling Act.

3. Discussion on New Laws and Their Effects on the Township

The Planning Commission discussed getting their budget in order to present to the township Board of Trustees at the final meeting in December. Example would be updating the master plan.

NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2008

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Szymanski
Secretary

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