

Dorr Township Planning Commission

March 16, 2010

1. Chairman Robert Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call-- Members present: Bob Traxler, Dan Gesink, Bob Wagner, Gordon Lieffers, Larry Dolegowski, and John Conklin.
Members absent: Melissa Harding.
Public attendance: 6
4. The minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were presented and amended with a correction made stating the public hearing was adjourned not tabled until the March 16, 2010 meeting.
5. Changes or additions to the agenda:
None.
6. Public comments:
None.
7. Public Hearing: The public hearing continued. Bob Wagner stated that he checked with the Fire Chief regarding fire services. The Fire Chief could not make a decision without a site plan. This was also the case with the School and Police. Mr. Beard did talk to Jim English at the Wayland School and the school is planning an addition and was not concerned about the additional students. The Board questioned whether there was a wetlands study done and they would need to have a certified copy from the DEQ or Nederveld. Mr. Vandenberg said yes they had one done but they did not know they would need a copy tonight but will get it to the Board.

Questions from the audience included: How many apartment buildings, water run off, can the drain and creek absorb the extra from the apartments and parking lots? What is this property Master Planned for? What are the ramifications to adjoining parcels if this is rezoned?

Questions from the Board: Why rezone the wetland? Would the applicant be willing rezone a portion of the parcel and keep commercial along 142nd Avenue or they could begin the project without the zoning and when the phase that needs to have the zoning change is up come to the Board at that time for the rezoning?

Jim Vandenberg stated that it would be best for him to have the rezoning done now and not have to worry about coming back at a later date, also it would be a hardship with time and money.

Public comment was closed at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Gordon Lieffers to have Jim will return to the planning commission for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. At that time Jim will bring a certified copy of the wetland study and a legal description of the property that he would like rezoned.
Roll call: Larry Dolegowski yes, Bob Traxler yes, Dan Gesink yes, John Conklin yes, Bob Wagner yes, Melissa Harding absent. Motion carried.

Public meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

8. Old Business:

A) Out Door Wood Stove Ordinance: Bob talked to Steve McKown who said the ordinance should be a Township ordinance not a zoning ordinance. John Conklin made a motion seconded by Dan Gesink to send the proposed ordinance to the Township Board, All ayes. Motion carried.

9. New Business :

A. 2009 year end report was presented.

B. Letter sent to some planning members regarding a wind turbines meeting at the Hopkins Middle School Saturday, March 20th.

10. Commissioner comments:

A. None

11. Motion made by Larry Dolegowski and seconded by Gordon Lieffers to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, all ayes. Motion carried.