

Conway Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2009

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag:

Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

2. Minutes from the June 8, 2009 Meeting:

Minutes from the 6/8/09 meeting were read. John Harless made a motion to accept the minutes, George Pushies, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

3. Call To Public:

- a) No response

4. Public Hearing – Special Use Permit for Mr. Lenny Wise

- a) At 7:36 p.m., Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin opened the Public Hearing for a special use permit for Mr. Lenny Wise to do business as Good Old Lenny's Gun Shop, LLC (formerly known as Good Old Lenny's Gun Shop) on Killinger Road. John Harless excused himself from participating, since he is a neighbor of Mr. Wise.
- b) Much discussion followed. At 7:53 p.m., Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin closed the Public Hearing.

5. Communications:

- a) Dennis Bowdoin discussed a letter that he had received from the Livingston County Planning Commission thanking Cindy Dickerson, Mike Rife, and himself for being at their recent meeting.
- b) John Harless had emailed the website for the Ottawa County Model Wind Energy Ordinance to the members of the Planning Commission.

6. Land Divisions:

- a) None

7. Old and New Business:

- a) George Pushies made a motion to recommend that the Board of Trustees grant the Special Use Permit for Good Old Lenny's Gun Shop, LLC, with a recommendation that the \$150 special use permit fee be waived. Londa Horton 2nd. Both Cindy Dickerson and John Harless excused themselves from voting. The five remaining members voted in favor. Motion passed.
- b) Land Divisions – Linn Gannon – no feedback yet.
- c) Bell Oak pole barn – still an open issue.
- d) Department of Natural Resources – Wetland Restoration – discussion was held on whether there would be a need for a permit from the DEQ if a landowner creates a wetland area.
- e) Ottawa County Wind Turbine Ordinance – discussion held. Dennis Bowdoin asked the Commission members to review the Ottawa County ordinance to see how it would best work for the needs of Conway Township.
- f) Update from the Board
 1. Complaint forms – Cindy Dickerson is in the process of updating the forms.
 2. Conway Township Zoning Ordinance – Township Board may be voting this month on it.

8. General Discussion:

- a) Mike Rife reported on attending a June 2 seminar on Michigan Watershed Management.

9. Adjournment:

- Four residents in attendance.
- Board Members present: Dennis Sommer, George Pushies, Scott Buell, Cindy Dickerson, Dennis Bowdoin, Londa Horton and John Harless. Supervisor Mike Rife and Township Trustee Larry Parsons were also present.
- A motion was made by George Pushies to adjourn, John Harless, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Sommer