

**ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2011
Approved July 5,2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Goyings, Vice-Chair Baker, Member LaBrie, Member Smith, Member Sweitzer, Secretary Veenstra, Member Feniger

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Fisher and Scott Hocevar (short time only)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Goyings called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2011 MINUTES: Motion by Member Smith to accept minutes as written was seconded by Member Baker- Carried

ZONING LANGUAGE : Deputy Supervisor led the group in a discussion regarding possible changes to our zoning Ordinance, specifically Article 5.2. The building department is requesting that Article 5-2 be reviewed and “cleaned up”. Chair Goyings offered to prepare a draft for consideration at the next meeting.

SIGN ORDINANCE: After discussion regarding the committee's draft of a new sign ordinance we agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

ZBA REPORT: Member Sweitzer reported that the ZBA recently met to consider the request to construct a pole barn closer to the road than restrictions would allow. The ZBA did reach a compromise with the applicant.

OUTDOOR FURNACE ORDINANCE: We discussed issues regarding Section 6 and suggested some changes. The building department will pass along the recommended changes to Attorney Soltis for review and composition.

Note: We intend to review all of our recommended changes to the Outdoor Furnace Ordinance at our next meeting and send those recommendations to the Township Board for their consideration.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Deputy Supervisor Fisher brought to our attention that the planned “score board tower” at the Kalamazoo Speedway's Quarter Midget Track will be a structure that will require a building permit. We agreed that there will also need to be a modification to the site plan with the approval of the Site Plan Committee and the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: Member Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Chair Goyings– Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by David Veenstra