

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Supervisor Vlietstra, Deputy Supervisor Fisher and six other individuals (see attachment)

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

AGENDA: Chair Goyings added 4 items to the agenda for the meeting:

1 Site Plan for the Little Kalamazoo Speedway

2 Proposal to build house on land zoned "Limited Development"...

3 Fruit Stand on D Ave.

4 Proposal for a "shooting range"

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APPROVAL OF June 7, 2011 MINUTES: **Motion** by Member Smith to accept minutes as written was seconded by Member LaBrie- **Carried**

SITE PLAN FOR LITTLE KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY: Scott Hocevar (owner) presented the revised plans for the new facility

PC members asked questions and Deputy Supervisor Fisher provided further input

Motion by Member LaBrie to approve the site plan as presented was seconded by Member Baker- **Carried** through a roll call vote:

YES
Member Baker
Chair Goyings
Secretary Veenstra
Member LaBrie
Member Smith

NO
Member Sweitzer
Member Feniger

PROPOSAL TO BUILD HOUSE ON LAND IN LIMITED USE ZONE: Mitch Alling presented his plan to build a house on his land off Ravine Rd. This land is zoned "Limited Development". A Special Use Permit would be required. He stated that he plans to apply for the SUP in time for the PC to discuss it at the August 2, 11 meeting.

DISCUSSION TO MOVE BUSINESS TO LAND IN AG ZONE: Eric Westra explained his desire to move his business to a building on land zoned Agricultural. He asked for input from the PC to determine the feasibility of such a move. Mr. Westra was encouraged to bring a proposal to the PC for future consideration.

FRUIT STAND ON D AVE: **Motion** by Chair Goyings to encourage the Building Department to investigate the operation of the fruit stand near the intersection of D Ave. and US 131 as it relates to appropriate land use regulations was seconded by Member LaBrie- **Carried**.

OUTDOOR FURNACE ORDINANCE: Discussion was tabled till we are able to review the suggested changes as composed by Attorney *Soltis*.

PROPOSAL TO REVISE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING AGRICULTURAL LAND (Article 7). The committee (Chair Goyings, Vice Chair Baker and Deputy Supervisor *Fisher*) presented their suggested changes. Member Smith offered varied thoughts and observations. Member Smith agreed to join the committee, The committee will meet again and will bring their recommendations to the PC.

SIGN ORDINANCE: After discussion regarding the committee's (Member Fenniger, Member LaBrie and Member Sweitzer) draft of a new sign ordinance we agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Motion by Chair *Goyings* was made for the new sign ordinance to allow for billboards on land abutting the US 131 corridor was seconded by Member LaBrie- **Carried 5-2 through roll-call vote:**

YES	NO
Member Baker	Member Sweitzer
Chair Goyings	Member Feniger
Secretary Veenstra	
Member LaBrie	
Member Smith	

Proposal for a “shooting range”: Chair Goyings decided not *to* have a discussion since there was not a representative of the proposal present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Member Baker to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Member Smith–**Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by David Veenstra-Secretary