

Alamo Township Planning Commission Minutes

A regular meeting of the Alamo Township Planning Commission was held Tuesday
June 1, 2010

Chairman Goyings called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Paula Baker, Karen DeVries, Ron Feniger, Helen Goyings, Belden Smith, Al Sweitzer, and David Veenstra.

Also present: Mr. (Jessie) Balwinder Singh, Michigan State University Extension Specialist Mr. Brad ~~Newman~~ **Neumann**, Township Supervisor Robert Vlietstra, Deputy Supervisor Barbara Fisher, and Township Attorney Robert Soltis.

AGENDA: Deputy Supervisor B. Fisher requested that the commission add an agenda item regarding the relocation of the August and November Planning Commission meeting to the Township Fire Hall because of elections being held those days at the Township Hall. Instead, there was a brief discussion of the matter at the time. **It was the consensus of the commission that the August and November meetings will be held at the Alamo Fire Department meeting room.**

MINUTES: There was a motion by K DeVries to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held May 4, 2010. Motion was seconded by B. Smith. In discussion P. Baker questioned the use of the term "placed on file" and said that "approved" should be used in reference to the minutes. There being no objection to the requested corrections the **motion to approve carried** by unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT-NON-AGENDA ITEMS: ~~At Chair Goyings' request Mr. Newman addressed the commission regarding various approaches to regulation of residential land use in an agricultural district. He provided commissioners with supplemental information titled Open Space and Farmland Protection. None~~

BRAD NEUMANN - MSU LAND POLICY: At Chair Goyings' request Mr. Neumann addressed the commission regarding various approaches to regulation of residential land use in an agricultural district. He provided commissioners with supplemental information titled Open Space and Farmland Protection.

REZONING REQUEST - DISCUSSION: Mr. ~~Singh~~ **Singh** submitted a request to the Planning Commission to consider a rezoning of land in Section 13. Additional application information, procedure and a possible schedule for handling the request were discussed.

LAND USE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP: Deputy Supervisor B. Fisher was called on to present the relationship between the current Alamo Township Zoning Map and the Future Land Use map (map 10) contained in the Alamo Township Land Use Plan. Particular attention was paid to land in the central portion of Section 24. Motion was made by P. Baker to change map 10 in the area of Section 24 lying West of US 131, from D Avenue to E Avenue, from Single Family Residential **and from Industrial** to Commercial, as represented on the attached map; the remainder of map 10 being acceptable. Motion was seconded by H. Goyings.

Roll Call Vote; A. Sweitzer yes
 R. Feniger yes
 K. DeVries yes
 D. Veenstra yes
 P. Baker yes
 H. Goyings yes
 B. Smith no

Motion carried.

OUTDOOR BOILER ORDINANCE: The commission reviewed the draft, prepared by Attorney B. Soltis, of the Alamo Township Furnace Ordinance (anticipated to be Ordinance 59M). Attorney Soltis took note of various changes a consensus of the commissioners would have him make to the draft document. The Commission will review the updated version of the draft at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: At 9:50 PM motion was made by P. Baker, seconded by K. DeVries to adjourn. **Motion passed** on a voice vote.

Belden Smith Secretary