

ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Minutes June 2, 2009

A regular meeting of the Alamo Township Planning Commission was held Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with the following members present: Karen DeVries, Ron Feniger, Helen Goyings, Beldon Smith, Al Sweitzer, and Paula Baker.

Also present: Township Supervisor Bob Vliestra, Deputy Supervisor Barbara Fisher, Attorney Bob Soltis, Tom VanderVeen, Bob VanderVeen, Gary VanderVeen, and Steve Hoogstraten.

A motion was made to excuse David Veenstra by Paula Baker and seconded by Beldon Smith. **Motion carried.** Karen DeVries informed the board that she will be absent for the August meeting and asked to be excused.

Minutes of previous meeting held May 5, 2009, were approved on motion by Helen Goyings and seconded by Paula Baker with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 46-62**

Public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. for public discussion of Ordinance 46-62. Several comments were made concerning small corrections to the ordinance. There was general discussion on Article 7 and the addition of fees for post modification of an approved permit. Bob Soltis will make the corrections and the board will review Ordinance 42-62 at its next regular meeting in July.

Public hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Ron Feniger asked that there be an addition to the agenda concerning handicap parking signs and a township ordinance.

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Gary VanderVeen wants a special use permit for a limited dwelling area to construct a modular home. Paula Baker moved and Helen Goyings seconded a motion to set a public hearing for this request at the July 7 meeting of the Planning Commission. **Motion carried.**

**CITIZEN PLANNER**

Beldon Smith brought to the attention of the board a daylong seminar for citizen planners. This is an advanced class for those that have already attended the introductory seminar for citizen planners.

## REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 46-6~~2~~ 1

Final draft of Ordinance 46-6~~2~~ 1 was presented. With the exception of several grammatical corrections, Ordinance 46-6~~2~~ 1 was approved on a motion from Al Sweitzer seconded by Paula Baker. A roll call vote was held and the **motion passed unanimously**.

## TOWNSHIP SURVEY

There was discussion about the land use survey being sent to residents and business owners of Alamo Township. Overall, the survey was met with approval.

Several changes was proposed and agreed upon.

- Question 2 – add a third box for agricultural
- Question 3 – change question to ask for ages of all members of the household
- Question 4 – remove completely
- Question 5 – remove development from all items
- Question 8 & 9 – add yes and no boxes

Question 10 – change question to read - Single family homes in residentially zoned areas (excluding plats and multi-family residential) require a lot size of 2.5 acres with a minimum of 250 feet of road frontage. Should the lot size be?

increased

decreased

stay the same

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

A motion was made by Paula Baker and seconded by Karen DeVries to approve the survey with a provision that these corrections would be made. Because this survey is intended to be mailed with the June newsletter, time was an important issue. **Motion carried.**

## HANDICAP PARKING SIGNS

Discussion on this issue was tabled until Bob Soltis can present more information concerning this issue and if we need a township ordinance or are we covered under the motor vehicle act.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Helen Goyings and seconded by Paula Baker. **Motion carried.** 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
July 7, 2007

Helen M. Goyings

