

Rollin Township Planning Commission, November 4, 2010

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson Burch

Roll Call: Peterson present, Hawkins present, McGrath present, Burch present, Miller present, Nichols present, Griewahn present.

Chairman's Remarks: Reviewed format for the public hearing.

Public Hearing: Rezoning of Aaron & Sara Christian's property from suburban estates to agriculture. Property consisting of 7.9 acres adjacent to agriculture land on the southwest and east. Comments were received from neighbors present with 3 speaking in favor and 1 speaking in opposition. Following discussion it was moved by McGrath supported by Griewahn to move the request forward to Region II and County Planning without recommendation vote was: nays Peterson, Hawkins, Burch, Miller, Nichols and Griewahn; yea McGrath. A motion was then made by Griewahn, supported by Peterson to recommend approval of the change and move the request to Region II and County Planning motion carried as follows: yeas Peterson, McGrath, Burch, Nichols, Griewahn; nays Hawkins and Miller.

Minutes: The minutes from August 5, 2010 were moved by McGrath supported by Miller to be approved, motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the October 5 meeting were moved by Miller supported by Hawkins for approval, motion carried unanimously.

Communications: None

Comments from Floor: None

Appeals Board Report: Miller reported that appeals were approved with conditions by the Appeals Board (October 18) for the Jacobson property, 2529 Round Lake for a shed with less than the required set back ;(November 1) Laskey property, 5720 Dexter to demolish existing home & rebuild and additional request by Laskey to build a garage with less than required set back. An additional request (October 18) for Douglas property 4640 N Rollin Hwy to erect a kennel on less than 10 acres was denied.

Trustees Report: None

Old Business: The request for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing regarding civil infractions was discussed; Nichols reported that she had spoken with other Township officials, attorneys and the MTA who all stated that civil infractions were not under the jurisdiction of the planning commission. If a hearing was held by the Planning Commission they could only report comments to the Township Board without recommendation. It would be appropriate for the Township Board to hold a hearing on

civil infractions as they are the authorizing body and responsible for enforcement. Discussion continued relative to the difference between general law and charter townships and enforcement of such ordinances. General consensus was that the hearing should be conducted by the Township Board.

Discussion regarding a planner to assist the Planning Commission was discussed, Tim Anderson will be at the December 2 meeting with information regarding assistance available to the Planning Commission from Region II.

New Business: Chairperson Burch presented a Wind Energy System Ordinance to be reviewed at the December meeting.

Adjournment: Moved Miller, supported by Hawkins to adjourn at 8:15, Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Nancy Nichols