

Rollin Township Planning Commission

April 7, 2011

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nichols at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call: The following members were present: Hawkins, Burch, Miller, Griewahn, Peterson, McGrath, Nichols.

Minutes: It was moved by Burch, supported by Miller to accept the February 3, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson's remarks: Chairperson Nichols and Tim Miller reviewed proposed activity submitted by Tim Miller.

Communications: Proposed budget from Jenkins. Burch reported that there is an increase in the Education fund and a pay increase of 10 dollars per meeting for Planning Commission members.

Comments from the floor: Tim Miller brought up to the board that the 16' height restrictions on garages may be unnecessary in certain applications.

Appeals Board Report: Miller reported that there were two appeals on February 28: Szeve at 16805 Forrister was granted with conditions; Butler at 620 Devils Lake Hwy was granted. On March 21, Haynes at 9768 Devils Lake Hwy was granted with conditions. April 4, Bac at 10320 W. Ferndale was approved with conditions.

Trustees Report: McGrath reported that at the budget meeting the Planning Commission was given a 10 dollar raise.

Old business:

Region II: Tim Anderson said work on the Ordinances is taking longer than expected.

New business:

Oil & gas leases: Several people in the area have been approached by a gas and oil lease company. Peterson reported that Bishop Land Services Inc. is the company trying to obtain seismic testing permissions from home owners. They are not necessarily the company that will do the testing and they may contract the jobs out to other companies. This company was not listed with the Better Business Bureau. There are potential issues with seismic testing that can damage sewer and septic lines. Numerous townships set restriction regarding gas and oil drilling. Peterson is awaiting a return phone call from Dave Davis, Supervisor, Permits and Bonding Unit, Office of Geological Survey. See attached conversation.

Construction of commercial storage building currently zoned C-3 on Devils Lake Hwy: McGrath moved to grant, supported by Hawkins. Roll Call Vote: Hawkins-yes, Burch-yes, Miller-yes, Griewahn-yes, Peterson-yes, McGrath-yes, Nichols-yes.

Amish Bake Stand near Cherry Point: Since there is no structure, a temporary conditional use permit is not required. Motion by Burch that they are not required to apply for a conditional use permit, supported by Miller. Roll Call Vote: Hawkins-yes, Burch-yes, Miller-yes, Griewahn-yes, Peterson-yes, McGrath-yes, Nichols-yes. Griewahn moved to give back money supported by Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Hawkins-yes, Burch-yes, Miller-yes, Griewahn-yes, Peterson-yes, McGrath-yes, Nichols-yes.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2011

Adjournment: Motion by Burch, supported by McGrath at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Peterson