



Dexter Township

planning commission

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"A Community For All Seasons"

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Tuesday, May 22, 2007 7:00 PM

Present: John Shea, Chair; Jamie Gorenflo, Vice Chair; Marcia Ottoman, Township Board Representative & Secretary; Mary Adams and Ken Tappe.

Also present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning and Zoning.

Absent: Hank Byma and Jim Dempsey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Tappe, supported by Adams, to approve agenda as submitted.
Carried 5-0.

II. Approval of the Minutes - Motion by Gorenflo, supported by Tappe, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2007 as amended. **Carried 5-0.**

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Action Items -

1) Wetlands Protection Ordinance –

Shea asked the members if they had any comments regarding Sloan's, May 21, 2007, Wetlands Protection Ordinance draft.

Commissioners discussed and concurred with Sloan that all their concerns had been addressed and that they were ready to entertain a motion.

Motion by Tappe, supported by Ottoman to approve recommendations to the Township Board for consideration of Wetlands Protection Ordinance. **Roll Call Vote: Yeas-Adams, Tappe, Ottoman and Shea; Nays-Gorenflo; Absent-2; Abstain-None. Motion Carried. 4-1**

2) Review Zoning Ordinance Amendments (34-5) –

Commissioners continued with their review of amendments from where they left off during the May 1, 2007 meeting. They started with number 44 and worked through to the last proposed amendment number 77. [Among some of the other items the members discussed section 2102\(H\), regarding Permitted Vehicles in Residential Areas.](#)

Sloan will take the members comments from this evening and submit a clean and up-dated copy for final review and their consideration for setting a public hearing date.

3) Revisit the Provision of the Planning Commission By-Laws –

Motion by Ottoman, supported by Gorenflo, to table Provision of the Planning Commission By-Laws.
Carried 5-0.

IV. Concerns of Commission Members, Director of Planning and Zoning, Supervisor, and Recording Secretary-

Ottoman informed the commissioners that she was schedule for surgery in mid June and would not be able to attend any meetings until the first of August. She asked that she be kept informed on future and on going agenda items and that she would correspond via e-mail with Patrick with her comments and concerns.

Gorenflo voiced his concern with the amount of livestock and/or other animals generally not regarded as household pets that a property owner is allowed per lot area. He asked if our Zoning Ordinance could possibly be in conflict with the Michigan Right to Farm Act regarding these restrictions.

Sloan replied, possibly. He would direct the question to the township attorney.

Sloan informed the commissioners that the Zoning Board of Appeals would like the planning commission to consider a "Dark Skies Ordinance".

Shea asked Sloan to add for consideration "Dark Skies Ordinance" to the planning commission's 2007 agenda items list.

Sloan informed the commissioners that Hartmann Farms might be asking for an extension of its August 2006 preliminary approval.

Commissioners discussed canceling the July 3, 2007 meeting.

Motion by Gorenflo, supported by Tappe, to cancel July 3, 2007 meeting. **Carried 5-0.**

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Future Agenda Items -

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 - Work Session

- 1) Review General Development Plan
- 2) Review (34-5) Zoning Amendments.

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

- 1) To Be Determined
- 2)

Tuesday, July 3, 2007

- 1) Canceled

VIII. Adjournment – Motion Gorenflo, supported by Tappe, to adjourn at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Jordan, Recording Secretary

Marcia Ottoman, Secretary

