

January 26, 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Craig vanMelle.

Roll Call: Members present: Harry Smith, Craig vanMelle, Carol Browne, Fred Lewis, Ron Remington. Ken Engelking, Zoning Officer, was excused absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Ron Remington to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Fred Lewis to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- A. Update on Aspen Acres Special Use Permit for Parcel #03-22-160-001-00

Chair Craig vanMelle reported that the Township Attorney advised that because the Township Zoning Ordinance does not provide for the type of usage requested, a special use permit can not be considered by the Planning Commission. The Zoning Administrator has informed the parties. No further action will be taken on this request. The resident will receive a refund on his application fee.

- B. Swimming Pool Ordinance

After attorney review and suggestions, it was decided to change the swimming pool ordinance from a zoning ordinance to a police ordinance. A motion made by Craig vanMelle, supported by Harry Smith to revise the ordinance to include section 11.19 of the zoning ordinance (swimming pool fences) in the new police ordinance was made. Motion passed. Secretary Browne will make the revisions and additions for a February review by the Planning Commission.

Harry Smith suggested a joint meeting between the Township Board, the Planning Commission and the Township attorney, Catherine Kaufman to discuss future directions for the Township with regard to ordinances. Harry (Township Board representative to the Planning Commission) will ask for the request to be on the Board agenda.

New Business

None

Zoning Board Appeals:

There is a request before the Township that may require a hearing by the ZBA. The request involves putting a garage closer to the owner's lot line than allowed by the zoning ordinance. The property is located on Manor Lane off Tom Nolan Drive.

Zoning Administrator Report:

None

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment

Chair vanMelle reported the Commission should be receiving the covenant draft for the Conti PUD development at the February meeting. The road commission wants the road slightly repositioned at Conti's expense and the storage buildings moved back to be more out of sight.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm by acclamation

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S Browne, Secretary

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