

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 25th, 2016 Porter Township Building 7:30 P.M

Attendance, Ralph Funk, Paul Courter, William Ake, James Watson, Mark Saville, Zoning Officer Rich Brungard, Secretary Carol Colucci, Supervisor Mike Champion and 6 members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Funk at 7:30PM. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and on a 1st motion by Bill Ake and a second by James Watson motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

The old business was a short update from Zoning Officer Brungard on the proposed General Dollar Store. He reported there has not been any new development. Just a lot of e-mails exchanged and he will get the plans out to board members for review as soon as he receives them. There was no new business.

Public comments were Philip Courter was inquiring what is needed to build another pig barn? He owns over 200 acres. He applied for a Conditional Use permit before. He would have an additional 2,400 pigs and his CAFO will need amended. He stated DEP must approve before he can expand. He talked to a professional plan writer and it was suggested to start with the municipality. The proposed new barns would be identical to the existing.

The Board recommended to review the ordinance first. You need manure plan. Courter replied he already has one and is currently operational for the pigs he already has that the Conservation office approved. Saville stated if you are proposing what you already have you may not need to do everything again but possibly because you are expanding may require it. DEP ultimately manages the CAFO's.

Terry Jeirles inquired if there was any update on the bridge concerns for flooding and if anyone has been documenting how many times the township inquired with no response. Terry expressed the concern for future flooding. Janice Keller reported she contacted an agency and was told there is not going to be any issues with flooding.

Mark Saville reported in order to clear the floodway of the elements that are contributing to the challenges of the floodway you need to clear the wetlands. And then it will all grow back. There is a difference of flood way and a flood fringe it does not impact the direct flow of water.

You can send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers saying there is a concern about flooding in the location because of built up debris and the growth within the channel for that area and we would like some modifications to be done and to clean up that area so it does not affect the properties up or down stream. One of the problems there is with clearing out a stream is and a lot of permits are needed to work inside the streams and is controlled by DEP because Fishing Creek is cover by a high quality stream and is a long process in order to get the permit to do this.

It needs to be taken into consideration when you remove the obstructions up stream you push the problem down stream. It is not as simple as cleaning up one area. There have been old studies that need updated.

Chairman Funk replied he believes there has been a lot of fill in and one of the biggest problems are about 4 feet of build up stones. Saville reminded the Trout Unlimited protects the stream. Supervisor Champion stated all over the state there are the same problems. Saville recommended the Supervisors to ask the authorities to take a look at the situation.

Supervisor Champion replied he is sure the Supervisors would not object the sending a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers but there is reality to every situation and you need to be prepared to face. Jeirles stated at lease it would be documented that we are trying to do something. Saville stated it is a potential health and safety issue that is part of the township guidelines and ordinances.

Zoning Officer Rich Brungard reported there were no permits for the month of October. He gave a year to date report of permits for 2016.

Building permits \$5,529.00

Amusement Mechanical Device Permits \$1,575.00

Business Permits \$1,987.00

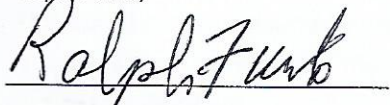
Demoltion \$40.00

Driveways \$360.00 = Total \$2,387.00

On a first motion by Ake and a 2nd by Saville motion passed to adjourn 8:03PM. Next Planning Board meeting November 29th, 2016

Planning Board Chairman

Ralph Funk,

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Township Secretary/ Treasurer

Carol Colucci

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