

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday April 26th, 2015 Porter Township Building 7:30 P.M

Attendance, Ralph Funk, Paul Courter, William Ake, James Watson, Mark Saville, Zoning Officer Rich Brungard, and 4 members of the public. There was no secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Funk at 7:30PM. The Minutes of last meeting March 29th were reviewed and on a 1st motion by Mark Saville and a 2nd by motion Paul Courter motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

The Old Business was Paul followed with the County Conservation office on Chicken barns regulations. He reported the key is ventilation and how well it's maintained. If the manure is kept dry and has cross ventilation it helps control the smell. 12 acres are required for every 5,000 birds.

Rich stated he will invite a Conservation representative to come to our meeting to answer questions about poultry barns. Poultry barns may become more common and we may need to put conditional uses on these applications.

Saville commented it is regulated by the Conservation district. There was a discussion on Penn State re-search on poultry barns and high quality streams. It was agreed the board does not have enough information about the conditional use applicants so therefore we cannot make an evaluation.

The new business was there is a Public Hearing scheduled for the Poultry barns May 16th before the Supervisors meeting. All the details were not worked out. It was stated that for a CAFO 25 acres are required. It was said that both applicants have plenty of land for this operation.

Public comment was if we anticipate more of these operations going in place would it be a beneficial to the condition that it is requested to locate it to be as far away as possible. Rich replied that is why it needs to be a conditional use. The procedure of a public hearing is to notify adjacent property owners so they have an opportunity to attend the meeting and voice their opinion.

On a 1st motion by James and a 2nd by Paul motion passed that the Board agrees they do not have enough information and can only recommend to the Supervisors that it should always be required to hold a public hearing and notify property owners nearby when a CAFO is proposed to be established.

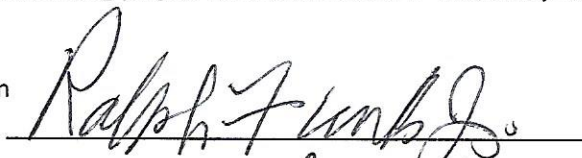
Zoning Officer Rich reported there were \$506.00 in permits for the month of April. 1 deck, 1 swimming pool and 5 new sheds and or garages.

Chairman Funk inquired if there was any update on the complaints submitted about the junk properties. Rich replied he has talked with both parties. They were given a verbal warning of violations on their properties. The next order of business would be to have a letter sent from Solicitor O'Connor stating a deadline and a fine.

Chairman Funk asked for public comment. Bill Ake inquired if the permit application for Glosseners was in the original plans? Rich replied it was. Nevin Courter stated concerns for junk properties and permits that were given in the flood way. Rich replied there were never permits issued for buildings in the floodway at the Auman property 249 Stone House Road and it is already in process of being taken care of. There was a discussion on unregistered abandon vehicles being removed.

There was a discussion on Building Code permits. Nevin Courter Chairman of ENVJMA reported he wasn't happy about the process and cost of submitting the building project for ENVJMA. On a 1st motion by Funk and a 2nd by Saville motion passed to adjourn 8:25PM.

Planning Board Chairman
Ralph Funk



Planning Board Secretary / Zoning Officer
Carol Colucci

