

# PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Porter Township Building 7:30 P.M

Attendance, Ralph Funk, Paul Courter, Mike Champion, William Ake, Mark Saville, Secretary Carol Colucci, Zoning Administrator Rich Brungard, Nevin Courter, Supervisor Walizer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Funk at 7:30PM beginning with the pledge of allegiance.

The Minutes of last meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and on a first motion by Paul Courter and a second by Bill Ake motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Surveyor Rob Ohl and Amos Fisher was present to present a plan for a subdivision on the Fisher property at 81 Scenic Drive. Parcel#04-01-5 & 5D.

Rob Ohl was reminded by the board that he did not meet the time requirements as stated in the Subdivision book to provide the plans for review two weeks prior to meeting. Therefore they would not make a decision and sign off on the plans without time to review.

Mark Saville expressed the problem with driveway access when subdividing and asked Fisher for any documentation that shows access to the other properties including PA Game Commission. A request to show where existing right of Ways are and where a new R.O.W will be. There was no information presented. It was suggested for Fisher to review the deeds and present again.

It was stated that a Deed of Title transaction never happened. After much discussion the recommendation from the Planning Board was to present new plans to show the new lots configurations clearly. And present proof of R.O.W.

## Old Business

(DCNR ) Department of Conservation & Natural Resource update was the meeting that was held September 4<sup>th</sup> finished with a good recommendation from Wes Farrington from DCNR to apply for a grant for the park. The requirements were to form a Planning Recreation Committee and involve the community with ideas of new development and improvements for the park. (A survey was distributed at the last Supervisors meeting.)

Mark Saville suggested the Board recommend this project to be moved to the Supervisors to approve and appoint a committee to move forward in planning.

The Zoning Officer Rich Brungard reported permits for the month of September was a total of \$40.00.

## New Business

There was a request to revisit the topic of Outside Furnaces. An ordinance was created in 2009 but never was passed for final approval by the Supervisors. It was stated by Supervisor Walizer that if the

Township does not have an ordinance for Outside Furnaces in place the State will mandate a regulation to the township. There were many different opinions about where furnaces should be allowed such as not in Residential, Village Residential if it could be specified to a restricted zoning area.

After much discussion the final decision was to review the Ordinance again before making any recommendation to the Supervisors.

Zoning Officer Brungard presented information to the board concerning Motor Cycle Tracks. The subject was brought to a Supervisors meeting previously by Fay Courter. Solicitor Boileau reviewed the issue (letter attached) concerning if motor cycle tracks were permissible use or not within the Township and what was considered outdoor recreation.

Comparisons were made between public and private use, MX biking and Motor Cycles. It was suggested that this be proposed by the applicant themselves. That an amendment cannot be made without an application for permitted use.

The final agreement from the board was this subject would need an applicant to request an amendment on the Ordinance to allow a conditional use and the ordinance to be created by the Supervisors.

On a 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Champion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ake motion passed to adjourn 9:07PM.

Township Secretary,  
Carol Colucci