

ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

January 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the Alamo Township Planning Commission was held on January 5, 2010.

Vice-chairman Helen Goyings called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. The following members were present: Al Sweitzer, Paula Baker, Karen DeVries, David Veenstra, and Ron Feniger.

A motion by Paula Baker was made to excuse Beldon Smith and seconded by David Veenstra. Carried.

Changes to December 1, 2009 minutes proposed by Helen Goyings were: in the park definition: "Township Parks Board" changed to "Township Parks Board representatives". "All acting clerks" to be changed to "All acting secretaries". Motion made to approve minutes with proposed changes made by David Veenstra and seconded by Ron Feniger. CARRIED.

No citizen comments.

Helen reminded all acting secretaries to turn in all signed minutes with documents to the township clerk. She also reminded that all minutes are to be sent to all board members and B. Fisher.

Beldon Smith informed Helen that he would prefer to be secretary in the future.

Helen Goyings was nominated to be the new chairperson by Paula Baker and seconded by Karen DeVries. CARRIED.

Paula Baker was nominated to be the new Vice-chairperson by Helen Goyings and seconded by Karen DeVries. CARRIED.

Beldon Smith was nominated to be the new secretary by Helen Goyings and seconded by Al Sweitzer. CARRIED.

Al Sweitzer was nominated to be the Z.B.A. representative by Paula Baker and seconded by David Veenstra. CARRIED.

PARK DEFINITION"

Paula Baker explained what was discussed with the Parks Board representatives and changes in the definition. It was also brought up that the definition pertained only to township owned parks. We need to expand to include other potential parks that may be owned by others but maintained by the township. We also need definitions for parks not owned or maintained by the township. The Planning Commission

representatives(Veenstra **Baker** and Feniger) are to meet with Parks Board representatives after the next Parks Board meeting.

GOALS FOR 2010:

The Planning Commission needs to look toward the future to be visionary.

How do we bring revenue into the township in the future?

What can we do to promote Alamo?

What ordinances need to be looked at?

What are our areas of potential growth?

Lot size in Ag. Zoned land.

Outdoor wood burners.

Wind power.

Future technology.

Land Use Plan.

Non conforming use(do we understand)

Standards for nonconforming use.

Sign ordinance.

Commercial/industrial parking space quantity.

Items to address at the next meeting.

Wood burner ordinance

Lot size in Ag.

Motion to adjourn made by Paula Baker, seconded by Helen Goyings. CARRIED 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Feniger
Acting Secretary