

MINUTES OF THE EMMETT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lottie. Roll call taken. Lottie, Koltunowicz, Greenia and Heiden were present. Brzuchowski was absent. Mueller sat in for him.

Minutes of the July meeting were read. Greenia moved to accept the minutes as read. Heiden second the motion. Motion carried.

Krysten Kitzman representative for Sprint/Nextel was present to discuss the application to upgrade the tower on 11905 Imlay City Road. Greenia stated that the tower has had strobe lights on for about a week. Residents living in the vicinity called him to complain. Krysten stated the FAA requires strobe lights for anything over 200 feet. Greenia stated he looked into the matter and found that is not true. He presented a letter from Powerfone that was attached to the building permit for the tower dated July 21, 1994. #2 in the letter states We will be placing red beacon lights on the new tower. **We will never place strobe lights on the new tower, not now or in the future.** Krysten was given a copy of the letter and permit and she stated she will look into the matter. Planning gives permission for the site plan application for Sprint/Nextel to upgrade the tower. Under the condition that the strobe lights on the tower be removed. Per letter from Powerfone (owner of the tower). Lottie signed the application a copy was given to Krysten and the township kept the original.

Old Business: Greenia will ask Jim Waddy for a copy of the state regulations for swimming pools and if he has a copy of any of the pool ordinances for any of the surrounding townships.

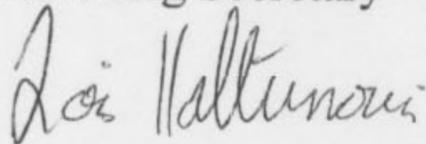
Mueller will ask Pat to purchase 6 Mi Zoning Guide Books for each of the planning members.

Planning looked at the KOA Site Plan and will approve it as soon as the plan has a seal on it. Per Article 13.03 #2 letter b on page 84 states. In order to comply with the ordinance the person responsible for the plan needs to place their seal on it. Planning will send a letter to Mr. Pietras explaining this.

Robert and Lynn Minor 12372 Rynn Road were present at the meeting to discuss their concerns re: Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers. They presented each planning member with a packet of information that states the public health hazards it creates. When the furnace operates in the idle mode it causes very poor combustion and heavy foul smoke. They have neighbors on both sides of them that have one of these boilers and the smoke comes into their yard and forces them to close their windows all summer her husband has allergies and cannot breathe that smoke. She has talked to each neighbor and has gotten nowhere. In the winter her windows are closed and is not bothered, but they burn these all summer to heat their pool, hot water etc. she would like planning to pass some type of ordinance to either ban the use in the summer or put taller smoke stacks on them or regulate how far they can be installed from the nearest neighbor. The states of New York, Washington, Wisconsin and parts of Canada have placed full or partial bans on these units. Greenia asked if there were any state regulations re: these, she stated she did not know but she will look into this and give us that information. She talked to Jim Waddy and he stated the state of MI sent requirements to the townships for these burners. Greenia will check with the mechanical inspector to see if we can get a copy. Planning thanked her for the information stated we would not be able to ban the use of these but would look into the matter.

Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting, Heiden second the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Recording Secretary



Lois Koltunowicz