Minutes of Emmett Township Planning Commission

October 15, 2012

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll call taken with Mueller, Kowalski, Reliford, Scott, and Dumas present.

Dumas read the September minutes for the regular meeting with the correction to the word "be" should be "bring" in the second sentence of third paragraph. Kowalski made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Mueller asked the planning commission if they were ready for the open hearings. Dumas stated that she was unsure if Emmett Township publicized the open hearings since she did not see anything in the local newspaper. Dumas retrieved all the newspapers in the township office and the planning commission reviewed them to find the publications. None were found, so the planning commission tabled the public hearings and will re-schedule a public hearing for November 19, 2012 for the following amendments:

Section 17.03 heading and first statement to read as follows:

Section 17.03 Signs in Commercial, Industrial, and Public/Semi-Public Districts

Signs shall be permitted in these districts are subject to the following restrictions:

And

Section 14.01 Off-Street Parking Requirements by removing Section 14.01 number 11.a.(7) Travel Trailer Parks and adding to Section 14.01, 11.b. item number (17) to read as follows:

(17) Travel Trailer Parks One (1) space per site

Kowalski was asked by the Township Supervisor to review section 17.02 (4), 17.02 (2), Heading of 17.02 and 17.04. The planning commission reviewed all information carefully and after a long discussion Kowalski made a motion to amend Section 17.02 (1.) with the addition of the following:

e. Home based business pursuant to section 15.06.

Dumas read the motion as recorded. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Kowalski made another motion to amend Section 17.02 (4.) to the following:

4. Identification signs mounted flat against the wall of the principal building for residences and for home occupations shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area nor shall they be internally illuminated.

Dumas read the motion as recorded. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Reliford made a motion to amend the Section 17.02 heading to read as follows:

Section 17.02 Signs in Agricultural/Residential Districts

Dumas read the motion as recorded. Kowalski seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Kowalski made a motion to amend Section 17.03 (6.) to read as follows:

6. Electronic/Manual Changeable Message Boards: Are permitted in place of an identification sign or a freestanding sign, but the total area allotted to signs shall remain the same whether a wall sign or a freestanding sign.

Dumas re- read the motion as recorded. Scott seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Kowalski made a motion to amend Section 17.04 to read as follows:

> Any sign which revolves or has any visible moving parts, visible revolving parts or visible mechanical movement of any type, or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, electronic or mechanical means, shall be prohibited.

Dumas re- read the motion as recorded. Scott seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Mueller stated that all ordinance amendments should be scheduled for the November 19, 2012 Open Hearing.

The planning commission continued to review the Future Land Use Map presented by Kowalski. They expanded the commercial, added back in the village residential, and removed the commercial next to Brockway Township. Kowalski will email the planning commission the revised map. Dumas will contact the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission on the correct procedure in continuing with such a large map change in the master plan. Reliford presented up to date maps from Vern Pearl which is a great help to the planning commission.

Dumas will forward information on St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commissions Winter Workshops to everyone in the planning commission.

No matters pertaining to the general public.

No Correspondences

Kowalski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Scott seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary of the
Emmett Township Planning Commission,

Susann J. Dumas