

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board
November 24, 2010
Avon Township Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Mergen called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Board at 7:30 P.M. in the main Chamber of the new Township Hall.

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Gerry Kremers, Lowell Rushmeyer, Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda.

Minutes: Rushmeyer moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting as written. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

1. **Facility Use Policy** – Marion Gondringer led a discussion soliciting feedback from the Planning Board on use of the facility by outside groups. Among the ideas that were mentioned: (a) we do not want to take any business from local merchants; (b) non-profit organizations (*i.e.*, Boy & Girls Scouts), especially youth groups would be welcomed, as would other community organizations. The Board didn't support the use of the facility by private parties; (c) there should be restrictions on permitted activities (*i.e.*, no smoking, alcohol, candles, guns, nothing in the walls); (d) users need to pack out their own garbage; (e) a small damage deposit was suggested; (f) someone will need to be the scheduler; (g) we should provide a checklist of rules to any groups renting the facility; (h) we will likely need a caretaker to visit the following day to insure that everything is in order, furnace turned down, etc.; (i) we should hire someone to clean the facility approximately every other week; and (j) groups that do not adhere to the policy would not be allowed back.
2. **Batzer Variance Hearing** – Mr. Bruce Batzer has performed renovations on his property at Achman Lake without appropriate permits. He is seeking a variance from the County to construct a deck, 15 x 15 foot, that is much closer to the lake than ordinance currently permits. There will be a hearing on this variance request at the County on December 9, 2010. At their last meeting, the Avon Township Supervisors passed a motion to oppose this project. Mergen moved that the Avon Township Planning Board supports the decision of the Township Board of Supervisors in the Batzer case. Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **CAPX2020 Update** – Supervisor LeRoy Gondringer reported that there will be a series of hearings next week and that Planning Board members are encouraged to attend to express their opinion about the project. The Township advocates that one of the southerly routes is a better option than the route through the township. The Township is committed to the process. The Avon Hills Initiative will likely support a southerly route, too.
4. **Snow Plowing** – The plows were out twice this week spreading salt/sand on the icy roads. Things have gone reasonably well with both trucks/drivers. One driver, who was

observed sanding the County road, will be reminded that this is not necessary and will save on township salt/sand.

Announcements: LeRoy Gondringer announced that the County has approved the first conservation design subdivision in Collegeville Township.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is December 29, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Minutes amended & approved: December 29, 2010