

Avon Township Planning Board  
July 30, 2008  
Avon City Hall

The regular meeting of the Planning board was called to order by Chairman Ken Mergen at 8:00 PM. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present, Lowell Rushmeyer, Ken Mergen, Gerry Kremers, Steve Saupe and Joe Scepaniak were absent. Supervisors LeRoy Gondringer and John Merdan were also present. Renee Smith took minutes for the meeting.

Agenda: Discussion of and possible drafting of a township nuisance ordinance. Motion by Mergen, seconded by Rushmeyer, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Mergen, seconded by Rushmeyer, to approve the minutes of the June meeting. All in favor.

Business: Discussion began on the Tom King hearing scheduled for this evening's meeting. According to Lewis Fisher, King has decided not to go ahead with the hearing and sale at this time. Some of the neighbors have expressed interest in buying the property.

Discussion proceeded with holding public hearings locally in rezone cases such as this. Gondringer was advised by Adam Ripple that we must be consistent. If the board holds a hearing for one case, they must do it in every case. Should the hearings be held by the planning board to recommend to the town board? That board to recommend to the county? Are there too many fees involved? Do we have written authority to do this? Should language be added or changed in the M.O.U.? More discussion is needed to clarify the process and establish a policy to follow in the future.

Clerk Smith has heard from Jean Studniski. She received a variance permit last July after a public hearing. Due to personal circumstances, they were unable to build during this year. She questioned whether the permit needed to be renewed or redone. Those present said the variance should stay in place without any renewal. Smith will advise her of the opinion and she will need to check with the county to see how long their permit is valid.

Ken Mergen represented the township at a meeting for officials of local governments and residents living on Pelican Lake. Those attending were given information about the fly over inspection around Pelican Lake. Residents were informed of the condition of the lake and possible improvement of water quality. Commissioner Schaefer, Larry Hosch, Don Adams were among the officials attending.

Nuisance Ordinance: Gondringer has consulted with Adam Ripple concerning drafting a township nuisance ordinance. Ripple will attend next month's meeting. Members felt the drafting of a complicated nuisance ordinance was not needed. Permits could be required for large group gatherings where loud music and crowd

noise may become a problem. Discussion will re-open with Adam Ripple at the next planning board meeting. Those present decided both of the boards should be attend that meeting.

Recently scheduled Joint Powers Board meetings have been canceled because of lack of planned building or development plans.

Motion by Rushmeyer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.