

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board**  
May 28, 2008  
Avon City Hall

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Ken Mergen at 8:02 P.M.

**Pledge:** Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, and Stephen Saupe. Absent – Joe Scepaniak and Lowell Rushmeyer.

**Approval of Agenda:** The following items were suggested for addition to the agenda: (1) Mr. William Becker requested a discussion of options for putting an additional house on his residence; and (2) William and Joan Holden (15786 Parkwood Circle, Avon) requested information about the Zwilling development and about a driveway improvement.

**Minutes:** Several minor corrections were made to the minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting. Mergen moved to approve. Kremers seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Business**

1. Mr. William Becker (Avon, MN) appeared before the Planning Board in April to request a zone change from A40 to R5 on his 15-acre parcel. A public hearing was set by the Supervisor's for today's meeting but Mr. Becker chose to withdraw his request for a hearing. Rather, he appeared before the Planning Board tonight to discuss options that would still enable him to build a retirement home on the property. Since the property is zoned A40, the Board suggested that an additional residence could only be built if it is a working farm and that it would be to house hired hands. Another option might be to connect the new addition to the existing homestead by a breezeway or patio. Still another option would be to pursue the original zoning change. If Mr. Becker chooses this latter option, it was suggested that he appear at the next Supervisor's meeting to request that they set a hearing for the June Planning Board meeting.
2. Joan & William Holden appeared before the Planning Board with questions about the Zwilling/Good Shepherd development plans that will occur near their property. They are concerned about this project and weren't aware of what was going on. They wanted to know what the township is planning to do about stopping the project. The Holden's also inquired whether a permit was necessary to extend a concrete apron from their driveway. They were told that the township didn't require a permit so long as the extension didn't block the culvert or change the size of the driveway or add a new entrance to the road. They may need a permit from the County.
3. There was no Joint Powers Board report.

**Announcements:** Mergen announced the upcoming CAPX2020 meeting in Melrose.

**Next Meeting:** The next Planning Board meeting will be June 25, 2008.

**Adjournment:** Saupe moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:27 PM. Mergen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe  
Deputy Clerk

Minutes amended & approved: 25 June, 2008