

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board

Feb 24, 2010
Avon City Hall

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Mergen at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Gerry Kremers, Lowell Rushmeyer, Stephen Saupe. Marge Evans was also present.

Approval of Agenda: Rushmeyer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Rushmeyer moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

1. **Subdivision Ordinance Discussion** - Rushmeyer suggested that we need to review and revise the subdivision ordinance once the County completes their new zoning ordinance. The Bonestroo plat for our new township facility will adhere to our subdivision ordinance guidelines.
2. **Clerk Position** – Mergen asked if Saupe will continue on the Planning Board if he gets elected as Clerk. The answer is unclear.
3. **Avon Hills Initiative Conference** – The conference was a success. Rushmeyer was not elected as Chair of the AHI and the recent meeting, though he wasn't particularly upset since he didn't realize he was even on the ballot. Mergen and Saupe attended the pre-conference session led by Tom Daniels. Among other topics, this session featured a discussion about the sale of building rights, which the County is considering as a way of preserving farmland and natural areas.
4. **Noise Ordinance** – the general consensus is that the noise ordinance seems to be working.
5. **Fire Board** – Mergen indicated that the Avon Fire Board met the previous week. There is a proposal to change the existing formula for billing for fire protection. The City wants to switch to a formula based on property value and/or housing units whereas both Collegeville and Avon Townships are happy with the current fee system based on hours of use.
6. **Avon City/Township Discussion** – Councilwoman Marge Evans attended the meeting and a variety of issues related to the City and Township were discussed. Evans indicated that the City, like many others, is currently in significant debt. The City has a development fund of approximately \$650K that is available for business; however there are significant restrictions on how the monies can be used. In the last newsletter the Mayor mentioned senior housing but there are no details. The City plans to purchase 10 lots from the stalled development for about \$1000 each and

put them up for sale for that cost plus assessments. The city will be replacing two members of the Planning Commission (Eric Larson, Bob Pogatschnik).

7. **Planning Board Meeting Time** – Mergen suggested that the Planning Board should consider moving the meeting time to 7:30 so that it would be at the same time as the Supervisors monthly meeting and not run too late into the evening. Rushmeyer moved to recommend to the Supervisors to move the meeting time of the Planning Board to 7:30 PM. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Announcements:

1. Supervisor John Merdan and his wife Jane won the Avon Hills Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to the Merdan's.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is March 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Saupe, Clerk
Minutes amended & approved: March 31, 2010