

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Commission

October 26, 2011  
Avon Township Hall

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mergen called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Chamber of the Town Hall.

**Pledge:** Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present – Gerry Kremers, Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Lowell Rushmeyer, and Stephen Saupe. A group of students (Mike Beach, Kelsey Kavanaugh, Brent Lisson, Adam Nunberger, Zachary Schmitz) from Staples-Motley High School were in attendance as part of an assignment for their American Government class.

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

**Minutes:** Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** *none scheduled*

## **Business:**

1. **Fisher Certificate of Compliance** – Mr. Lewis Fisher appeared to request approval to redraw the boundary line between two properties that he owns (lot 5 and lot 6, Block 1, Liz Fisher Estates). This is necessary because when his son constructed a home on lot 6 it encroached into lot 6. The new boundary line would be moved so that the home would be completely within its boundary. Rushmeyer moved to recommend approval of a certificate of compliance for the proposed administrative subdivision of Lot 5, Block 1, Liz Fisher Estates, providing both lots meet the minimum square footage requirements. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Ellingson Variance Hearing** – The County has scheduled a hearing for a variance for Scott & Jennifer Ellingson to construct a deck closer to a rear property line than is currently permitted in Stearns County Zoning Ordinance #439. Nelson moved that the Planning Board has no objection to the proposed variance. Rushmeyer second. All in favor. Motion carried. Saupe will relay this information to the County.
3. **Civics Lesson** – the student guests were given an overview of how the variance process works.

## **Announcements:**

1. **Bicycle Accident on Tower Road** – Ms. Jody Taggart inquired if the Town carries medial coverage for accidents because her daughter was hurt in a bicycle accident on Tower Road. To our knowledge we have no coverage but Saupe will contact the Township Association to

be certain.

2. **CAPX2020** – public comments are being accepted through November 4, 2011 concerning a route amendment along County Road 138 in St. Joseph Township.

**Adjournment:** Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is November 30, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Minutes amended & approved:

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Ken Mergen, Chair

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Stephen Saupe, Clerk

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