

# LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## Unapproved Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

The meeting of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Colletta. Geppert, Ehrlich and McCallum present along with six guests. Lalley absent.

Motion by Geppert to approve the minutes of October 1, 2008, seconded by Ehrlich. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Letter from Mike and Kim Depner regarding plans to build commercial building in the agricultural district read.

No site plans to review.

### **Old Business:**

**Accessory structures in the RR District:** Colletta read proposed language for requirements of accessory structures as follows:

“The architectural character of all such buildings (excluding buildings accessory to agricultural operations in the AG district) shall be similar to the principal building with respect to design and aesthetic quality so as to keep the surrounding theme to residential design. Any accessory structure will have a minimum one foot overhand and a minimum 6/12 roof pitch.

**Exterior Lighting:** Colletta provided copies of an ordinance from the Town of Taos which included some good diagrams on types of lighting and direction of light or illuminated area. Colletta didn't think the entire ordinance was necessary for our area, but asked the members to review it and be prepared to discuss it further at the next meeting.

*(Mike & Kim Depner arrived at the meeting during the above discussion)*

Colletta went back to Depner's proposal now that they were now present to answer questions. Colletta stated that the current ordinance only allows for commercial use in the agricultural district for products grown on the site. At this time their proposal would require application for a special use permit. McCallum explained the process for such application. Mike Depner stated that they are not planning to do this immediately, but in approximately a year. McCallum suggested that the planning commission look at other communities in Macomb County where such uses have become quite common in agricultural areas and possibly consider an amendment

to our ordinance inasmuch as these types of uses are becoming more common.

**Mining and Mineral Extraction:** Colletta is going to check with the MTA legal service on Thursday for more information on this topic.

Colletta recommended scheduling a meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in order to finish up work on the accessory structures in RR and possibly the exterior lighting and mining.

Motion by Geppert to schedule a meeting for November 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Ehrlich. Motion carried.

Motion by McCallum to adjourn, seconded by Ehrlich. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Valerie McCallum, Secretary