

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
February 5th, 2009

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 5th day of February, 2009 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Penzien at 7:20 p.m. The following members PRESENT: Geraldean Berry, Robert Stockwell, Nancy Szerlag, Kent Gierman, Bud Fackler, Phillip Madeline and David Penzien. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Michael Gildner, and the public per the attached sheet.

Minutes of the December 4th, 2008 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to approve the December 4th, 2008 regular Planning Commission minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Officers:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

MOTION by Fackler, seconded by Madeline to nominate Dave Penzien as the Chairperson of the Attica Township Planning Commission for the year 2009; and **MOVED** further by Fackler, seconded by Madeline that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Madeline to nominate Bob Stockwell as Vice-Chairman of the Attica Township Planning Commission for the year 2009; and **MOVED** further by Berry, seconded by Madeline that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Szerlag to nominate Bud Fackler as Secretary of the Attica Township Planning Commission

for the year 2009; and **MOVED** further by Berry, seconded by Szerlag that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Election of Planning Commission member to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals:

MOTION by Fackler, seconded by Stockwell to appoint Nancy Szerlag to sit on the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Jon Burkhart Special Land Use Transfer. Transfer Metamora Canine Academy to Metamora Canine Kennel. Make recommendation to Township Board:

Secretary Fackler explained that the Metamora Canine Academy has been turned over to Jon Burkhart by Lisa Farlin. Mr. Burkhart has agreed to all terms in the previous Special Land Use. Secretary Fackler read the conditions of the Special Land Use Permit to the Commission and there was discussion.

MOTION by Szerlag, seconded by Berry to recommend to the Township Board the transfer of Metamora Canine Academy to Metamora Canine Kennel including the following conditions:

1. This kennel has operated in the same location for the past twenty five (25) years, and the applicant agrees to operate this kennel and grooming operation in the same manner, or better than the previous owner.
2. The total dog runs on the site at the time of purchase was forty-four (44) and can not be increased without Planning Commission approval.
3. The total number of dogs on site can not exceed one hundred (100) the maximum number that was kept by the previous owner.
4. Hours of operation and feeding will be limited to 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Sundays will be limited to drop off and pick up only.
5. Any expansion or alteration to the kennel will require a site plan review and approval from the Attica Township Planning

Commission.

6. The owner-occupant must notify Attica Township of any sale. If the Township is not notified of any sale to a new owner-occupant, the Special Land Use will no longer be valid.

7. This permit shall be signed by the applicant and the Township representative.

A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC TIME:

Jon Burkhart asked if Attica Township has a wind energy ordinance. There was discussion and Secretary Fackler is going to discuss this with the Township Planner.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECREARY REPORT:

Secretary Fackler reported that the 29th Annual Planning Conference will be held on Saturday, March 14th at Lapeer East High School. Secretary Fackler also reported that Planner Bessey has some suggestions for revamping several ordinances and she will discuss this at the next Planning Commission meeting.

ATTORNEY AND CONSULTANT REPORTS: None

There being no further business before the Attica Township Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Stockewell to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bud Fackler, Secretary of the
Attica Township Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary