

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Penzien at 7:08 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Geraldean Berry, Robert Stockwell, Nancy Szerlag, Kent Gierman, Bud Fackler, Phillip Madeline and David Penzien. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Michael Gildner, Planner Rebecca Bessey and the public per the attached sheet.

Minutes of the February 5th, 2009 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Gierman to approve the February 5th, 2009 regular Planning Commission minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary Fackler introduced Kent Gierman as the newly appointed member of the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on *clearzoning*® and Possible Changes to Ordinance by Planner Bessey.

Planner Bessey distributed a complete draft of the *clearzoning*® ordinance to the Planning Commission members and Attica Township Board members. The following minor amendments have been incorporated into the draft:

- **Added a definition for building envelope:** The ground area of a lot which is defined by the minimum setback requirements within which construction of a principle building and any attached accessory structures is permitted by this ordinance.
- **Added a definition for private kennel:** Any lot or premises in which four (4) or more dogs or domesticated animals over the age of one (1) year, owned by the proprietor, are housed.
- **Revised the definition for private kennel:** Any lot or premises on which

three (3) or more dogs or domesticated animals, not owned by the proprietor are either or temporarily boarded.

- **Eliminated the following standard from the private kennel regulations:** ~~The proprietor shall not keep more than 4 dogs over the age of one year.~~
- **Revised the procedures for approval of roadside markets:** Because roadside markets are seasonal in character and utilized on a temporary basis, roadside markets may be allowed in AG Districts for periods not to exceed six (6) months provided a temporary permit is obtained from the ~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ Zoning Administrator, and provided the following provisions are met...

Planner Bessey indicated that after the Planning Commission and the Township Board have reviewed the *clearzoning*® ordinance they can move ahead with scheduling a public hearing and adoption of the new ordinance. Attorney will look into enforcement procedures for the zoning ordinance.

2. Park Map

Planner Bessey brought a map of the park showing underground and overhead utilities for Park Manager and Planning Commission member Phil Madeline. The map was completed in 2006 and inadvertently was not given to Phil Madeline, he will now review it and Planner Bessey will make any revisions if needed and make copies for the Planning Commission members.

3. Pavilion Rentals

Park Manager and Planning Commission member Phil Madeline indicated that the Ride for Hope Charity would like to rent a pavilion again this year. There was discussion and Phil Madeline will ask a charity representative from Ride for Hope to come before the Township Board at the Attica Township Board meeting on March 12th, 2009 to explain their event. There was further discussion regarding the starting date to take reservations for the pavilions each year.

4. Street Parking

Supervisor Al Ochadleous requested the Township Deputy monitor the street parking at Lapeer Community Church.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECREARY REPORT:

Secretary Fackler reminded the Planning Commission members that the 29th Annual Planning Conference will be held on Saturday, March 14th at Lapeer East High School.

ATTORNEY AND CONSULTANT REPORTS: None

There being no further business before the Attica Township Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 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