

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
October 6th, 2010

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 6th day of October, 2010 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Penzien at 7:00 p.m. The following members PRESENT: Geraldean Berry, Kent Gierman, Bud Fackler, Phillip Madeline, Robert Stockwell and David Penzien. ABSENT: Nancy Szerlag. ALSO PRESENT: Student member Daniel Gavette, Planner Dave Birchler, Attorney Michael Gildner, and the public per the attached sheet.

Minutes of the August 4th, 2010 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to approve the August 4th, 2010 regular Planning Commission minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Szerlag). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planner Birchler review possible changes in Special Land uses.

Planner Birchler distributed a draft of an ordinance to amend articles 2 and 4 of the Attica Township Zoning Ordinance. Planner Birchler reviewed the ordinance draft to amend Article 4 Section 4.14 Cemeteries, Article 4, Section 4.17 Orphanages, Article 4.18 Nursing and Convalescent Homes, Article 4, Section 4.24 Private Kennels, Article 4, Section 4.25 Veterinary Offices, Article 4, Section 4.30 Agricultural Limited Business Uses, Article 4, Section 4.31 Residential Limited Business Uses, Article 4, Section 4.32 Accessory Apartments, Article 4, Section 4.37 Bed and Breakfast Inns, Article 4, Section 4.40 Junk yards, Article 4, Section 4.43 Automotive Repair garages, Auto Engine and Body Repair, and Undercoating Shops, Article 4, Section 4.49 Lumber and Planing Mills, Article 4, Section 4.50 Metal Plating, Buffing and Polishing, and Section 6.2.8 Annual Inspection and Registration. Attorney Gildner reviewed the draft and commented on it. There was Planning Commission discussion.

2. Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Growing Operation Discussion

The Planning Commission, Planner Birchler and Attorney Gildner discussed medical marijuana dispensaries and growing operations and reviewed Imlay Township's zoning ordinance to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries and growing facilities.

3. Secretary Update Planning Commission on Starr Mining Pitt off of Newark Road

Secretary Fackler updated the Planning Commission on a recent meeting he and Attorney Gildner had with Mary Starr and her daughter regarding their Special Land Use compliance. The meeting was productive and Mrs. Starr agreed to double their bond to \$100,000 and she has ordered a new site plan. Mrs. Starr will be at the Township Board meeting on October 14th, 2010. There was Planning Commission discussion.

4. Rabbit Ranch

Secretary Fackler updated the Planning Commission on the progress of the rabbit ranch. Financing has been obtained by the owners. Under the Right to Farm Act the only thing the owners need to do is apply for a permit to build an accessory building and meet set back requirements. Soil and Erosion has been sent out to inspect the site because of the amount of soil being moved.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY AND CONSULTANT REPORTS: Planner Birchler distributed Complete Streets Legislation Summary and discussed it.

There being no further business before the Attica Township Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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

