

Columbia Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 23, 2013
***Minutes Revised May 8, 2013

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Roger Gaede.
- 2) Roll Call Present Jarvis, Mahr, McKay, Gaede, Reynolds, Jeffreys and Willerer.
- 3) Public Comments None
- 4) Approve Agenda Motion by Reynolds to Approve Agenda as presented, seconded by McKay.
Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.
- 5) Approve minutes of April 9, 2013 meeting.
Willerer noted discrepancy in minutes item 7 should read **Meeting opened by Chairman Gaede and deferred to Mark Eidelson**. McKay made motion to approve minutes with correction as requested by Willerer seconded by Willerer.
Vote taken Ayes All motion Passed.

6) Public Comments per Amendments to Columbia Township Ordinance.

Kevin Thomson opposed to the change and is retained by the Knutson's. Planning Commission is to follow ordinances as written, the new amendment will cause spot zoning and is undermining Agriculture ordinances. The Amendment is problematic in two areas, opening the door for retail sales in Ag and spot zoning.

Reynolds stated that the whole ordinance book was being rewritten to clarify issues and correct problem areas.

Gaede explained many areas of the ordinance were incorrect in Ag and that sales are taking place and need to be covered in the ordinances. Discussion and examples followed.

Willerer spoke about Article 5 purpose stating the second sentence authorizes other uses.

Kevin Thomson stated should provide for final amendment in new ordinance.

Gaede explained that more than one thing influenced the amendment and explained again some of the items.

McKay stated need to change going forward and fix problems as we go forward stating ordinance only allows two children per household and we need to fix ordinance during the rewrite.

Tom Knutson why change one thing now why not change all at one time.

Gaede explained more of ordinance not correct.

More discussion by Thomson and Tom Knutson.

Gaede called for a motion on the amendment.

Motion by Willerer to recommend the proposed Amendments #1 and #2 (attached.) be forwarded to the Columbia Township Board for Approval. Motion seconded by McKay to recommend the proposed Amendments #1 and #2 be forwarded to the Columbia Township Board for Approval.

Jarvis questioned the process for approval or disapproval by the Township Board.
Discussion by McKay, Jarvis and Willerer per procedures on amendments and approval.

Roll Call Vote Willerer Yes, Jeffreys Yes, Gaede Yes, Jarvis Yes, Mahr Yes, McKay yes, Reynolds Yes.
Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Jan Knutson stated none of this was brought up at the study session she attended until she had left the study session.

Gaede handed out Land Plan, Ordinance revision document.

General discussion followed by all members per meeting dates and times.

Miss Mickles had a question about this meeting being for all business's or just the Archery business.

Gaede stated meeting was only for the amendment.

Patty Mickles asked are we going to change whole ordinance or just one area.

Gaede stated changing the whole ordinance book.

McKay stated in the past it was done piece meal and we are correcting all of it.

Melissa Weaver asked when will the Township Board act on this.

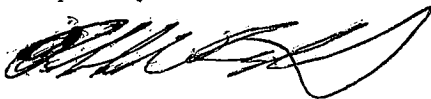
Gaede stated probably next meeting but not sure.

7) Adjournment

Motion by Reynolds to adjourn seconded by Willerer.

Vote taken to adjourn ayes all Motion Passed. Adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Reynolds