

Planning Commission Meeting
December 4, 2001

Members Present: Parker, Holmstrom, Gaede, May, Wahr
Members Absent: Watkins, Kuzminski

Meeting called to order by Chairman May at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of November 27, 2001 , NA

The purpose of this meeting was a workshop on temporary campground rules and regulations.

The November 27, 2001 rules were reviewed with the consensus that the following rules had been agreed upon:

1. No parking near power lines, utility right of way and line of vision on public road right of way.
2. Flagging or identifying of individual campsites. Campsites to be 1200 sq. ft.
3. Limit number of visitors/campers to a campsite, stated in DEQ guidelines.
4. No parking, camping or vending in road right of way.
5. Rules must be posted and given to each campsite.
6. Establish fines, penalties and revocation of permits where applicable.
7. State, County rules and regulations as stated in DEQ and County Health guidelines.

Discussions on the following issues:

1. Fences:

Liability of adjoining property was a concern. It was noted that the campgrounds are temporary with camping only happening a maximum of 3 times a year. Elizabeth Middlebrooks concern was noted. It was suggested that property owners should post no trespassing signs to help protect their property.

It was the consensus of the planning commission that the property lines must be clearly defined and must comply with Article 7, Section 7.3, Paragraph F1 of the Township Ordinance.

2. Insurance:

Gaede reported that Cambridge Township requires insurance to obtain a camping permit. After discussion it was determined to leave it up to the individual property owner whether to have insurance.

3. Vending and Scalping:

Gaede presented a copy of the ordinance used by Cambridge Township. After reviewing the ordinance, it was decided to recommend to the township board that this type of ordinance be adopted for Columbia Township.

4. Site Plans:

The planning commission recommends that the Columbia Township follow Cambridge

Township's guidelines for site plans drawn to scale and their permit format.

Gaede presented his concerns about allowing grills in parking areas.

May reported that the fire Chief wants to review rules on fires before they go to the township board. It was suggested that Hill should attend a planning commission meeting to help with the rules on campfires.

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Parker to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Ayes All.

Acting Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly A. Wahr".

Beverly Wahr