

Columbia Township Planning Commission
October 23, 2001

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

Members Present: Parker, Gaede, May, Watkins, Wahr

Members Absent: Holmstrom, Kuzminski

Richard Baruk, owner of the property known as 11508 Hewitt/233 Beechmont, ADP#000-19-27-426-013-00, presented a proposal to combine lots 2&3 and the 3.99 acres into one parcel. After discussion it was determined that the three parcels were already zoned RS-1 and that is the correct zoning.

The planning commission will recommend to the Township Board that the three parcels be combined.

Ralph Johnson, 245 Beechmont, questioned whether a pole barn could be erected on the property. Chairman May explained that on RS-1 property a pole barn cannot be erected unless there is a residence.

William Kurpinski, 200 Beechmont, spoke in favor of combining the 3 parcels and the development of the entire tract. He also was not opposed to pole barns.

Motion by Watkins, seconded by Parker to recommend that the Township refund Richard Baruk's money because no action was taken, as the 3 parcels were already zoned correctly.

Ayes all.

Motion by Watkins, seconded by Parker to accept the Oct. 9th minutes with the following corrections: Add "excluding signs" and that future commercial site plans are to comply with Section 6.5B of the township ordinance.

Ayes all.

Chairman May had several concerns: What is the progress of the new ordinance? It was decided that 7 copies of the 2-21-2001 version of the ordinance should be ready for the Oct. 30th meeting. Also members should be prepared to work on the rules and regulations for camping and parking of cars at this meeting. Gaede was asked if he would discuss the rules and regulations that he was given for parking cars and also to present information on towers in Jackson County.

Motion by Watkins, seconded by Wahr to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Ayes all.

Acting Secretary,

Beverly Wahr

