

Zoning Commission

January 12th

2011

ATTENDING:

Larry Schrader
Janelle Albertoni
Dave Duma
John Yeargin
Bill Arnold

Jeff Childers (Alternate)
David Vartenuk (Alternate)
Jim Albertoni
Jim Demboski

Reorganization Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schrader with a roll call and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

The secretary mentioned a revision needs to be made to the December minutes. It is supposed to read that Brimfield proposed Suffield assume coverage of the roads in both townships.

Mr. Schrader mentioned that Mr. Arnold was re-appointed to another five (5) year term, Mr. Vartenuk and Mr. Childers were re-appointed to another year as alternates. He also pointed out that the pay rate for the commission members was raised to \$15.00 per meeting.

Mr. Schrader said he would entertain a motion for the nomination of chairperson for 2011. Mr. Duma made a motion to nominate Mr. Schrader to the position. Mr. Arnold seconded the nomination, the result of the vote was four (4) yes and one (1) abstain from Mr. Schrader.

Mr. Schrader then asked for nominations for the vice chair position for 2011. Mr. Arnold made a motion to nominate Mrs. Albertoni; the motion was seconded by Mr. Duma. The vote resulted in four (4) yes votes and one (1) vote to abstain from Mrs. Albertoni.

Mr. Schrader thanked everyone for serving our community, especially with a few of the topics on the table this past year.

Mr. Schrader then asked the secretary to speak to the fiscal officer requesting the meeting minutes from the trustee meetings be emailed to everyone. Mr. Vartenuk said the minutes are posted on the website every two (2) weeks.

Mr. Childers asked why the minutes must be approved before being posted on the website; he wondered why we can't have a disclaimer saying something like yet to be approved. He stated that the website is the most powerful tool the township has. The BZA meetings should be listed on the websites calendar of events.

Mr. Schrader asked the secretary to bundle the revisions from 2010 to set up a review, then a hearing.

Mr. Schrader asked if there is anything the commission needs to do concerning the oil & gas wells being drilled. Mr. Arnold said no it is state controlled. Mr. Schrader mentioned that he has spoken with some people that have concerns for their wells. Mr. Childers pointed out that there is a "Fracking" meeting on January 20th in the community room of the new firehouse.

Mr. Schrader mentioned an article about Norwalk Mr. Polen gave him concerning game rooms. It stated that townships have no regulatory control. Chris Meduri says permissive zoning will keep them out. Mr. Arnold said restrictions on zoning like 50 square feet between machines can help keep them limited to larger spaces. Mr. Arnold also said that there are three (3) gaming commissions in the country; Vegas, Denver, and Streetsboro. Streetsboro is more machine oriented.

Mr. Yeargin believes the new governor will be proactive with this, Mr. Schrader said the Norwalk article states the same thing Kasich and DeWine will be investigating further.

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Mr. Yeargin said he read an article in the Record Courier about a home on Schroeder Road in Randolph about the installation of a wind turbine. He stopped by to take a look at the tower, there was a slight breeze and this thing was turning silently and switching direction. He is curious about its operation in higher winds, or snow and ice. It is a 140 foot tower with 12 foot metal blades. It is an imposing and impressive machine.

Mr. Schrader asked if there is anything else to bring to the table. Mr. Demboski said that the historical society took over the other side of the original firehouse on January first. Suffield was awarded a \$49,000.00 grant to make improvements to the town hall. The Suffield League will hold the music festival at Wingfoot State Park this year. Residents concerned about the quality of their well water can have samples tested for \$100.00.

Mr. Schrader stated the next meeting will be held next Wednesday February 9th, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Schrader asked for a motion on the December minutes. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes after revising for the road department item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duma. All of the commission members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schrader asked if anyone had anything else to bring to the table. With that the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mrs. Albertoni. The motion to adjourn carried with all of the commission members voting in favor.

Larry Schrader - Chairman

Adam Bey – Zoning Com. Sec.

During the February 9th, 2011 Zoning Commission meeting a motion was made by Mr. Arnold to approve the minutes after revision of the discrepancies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Albertoni. The commission voted all in favor of the motion.