Munson Township Zoning Commission Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Minutes of January 17, 2011

Chairman Ron Atkinson called the hearing to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were: Dennis Medica, Lenore Pikus, Jim Tekavec, Dennis Wynne, Zoning Inspector Tim Kearns, and Secretary Paula Friebertshauser.

Jim Tekavec was sworn in as a reappointed Zoning Commission member.

Dennis Wynne moved and Jim Tekavec seconded to nominate Ron Atkinson as Chairman for 2011. Motion carried.

Dennis Wynne moved and Dennis Medica seconded to nominate Jim Tekavec as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

The continuation of the public hearing began. Mr. Medica read the Planning Commission's letter dated January 12, 2011 in regard to proposed amendment 2010-06. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 7:13pm, and the regular meeting immediately commenced.

Ron Atkinson moved that the Munson Township Zoning Commission recommends the approval of proposed amendment (2010-06) to the Munson Township Zoning Resolution as attached hereto. Dennis Medica seconded the motion and the roll being called, all members voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dennis Medica moved that the Munson Township Zoning Commission hereby submits the attached recommendation on the proposed amendment, identified as number 2010-06, to the Munson Township Zoning Resolution together with the attached motion and text pertaining thereto, and the attached recommendation of the Geauga County Planning Commission to the Munson Township Board of Township Trustees this 17th day of January 2011. Jim Tekavec seconded said motion and the roll being called, all members voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dennis Wynne moved to adopt the minutes of November 15, 2010 as written. Lenore Pikus seconded, motion carried.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> –Zoning Bulletin Issues: 12/10 & 12/25; letter from the Geauga County Planning Commission dated 1/12/11 regarding proposed zoning amendment 2010-06.

In discussing objectives for the year, Mr. Atkinson asked each member for any ideas or concerns. Mr. Medica wondered if the Board should discuss land transactions and meet with key people involved. Zoning Inspector, Tim Kearns mentioned agricultural. Mr. Wynne commented he would like to finish reviewing definitions, reformatting and updating the resolution. In reference to conditional use issues, it was mentioned that the Board may wish to consult with Todd Hunt.

Trustee Andy Bushman was asked about the budget in regards to hiring consultants. He replied that the money could be reappropriated. After reviewing comments from Dave Dietrich of the Planning Commission later in the meeting, it was determined that the conditional use issue did not need to be reviewed at this time.

Ron Atkinson moved to encumber funds for 2011 for \$5000 for consulting fees. Jim Tekavec seconded said motion and all members were in favor. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Wynne questioned funding for training. He would like to attend a seminar that was offered last year in the Columbus area. Mr. Wynne also suggested that he would like to meet Dave Dietrich and Becky Schlag. Members discussed what kind of format, possibly a workshop.

Ms. Pikus mentioned that they decided dilapidated homes would be covered under the ORC. She is open to anyone that needs assistance..

Mr. Tekavec mentioned that the state preempted the township with gas and oil He asked Mr. Kearns if there have been any problems. Mr. Kearns responded he is on a list to be notified when anything is going to happen. He then goes out to meet and check out the site. One problem is that drilling occurs for 24 hours until it is done. There are some calls as a result, but otherwise there is good rapport.

2011 OBJECTIVES

Schedule separate visits with Becky Schlag and Dave Dietrich Meeting with the BZA Injection of wells Land Use Plan review Wind Energy Systems Solar Definitions

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kearns said there was one application for a swimming pool (prior variance) for the month of December. He brought up that Richmond Heights has had problems with gambling in internet cafes. In regards to injection of wells, Mr. Kearns explained that there is a moratorium in Pennsylvania and New York so trucks loaded with debris are coming to Ohio and injecting wells. He mentioned there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday on this topic in Hambden.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7:00pm.

ula Friebertshauser, Secretary

Ron Atkinson, Chairman