

**Draft of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting
August 7, 2013**

1. Call to Order-Chairperson Cronenwett called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. Roll Call-Present: Derhammer, Paquin, Morris, Cronenwett, Schultz, Tarchala and Daly

Also Present: Paul LeBlanc of LSL Planning and introduction of David Jirousek also from LSL Planning and guests

3. Approval of Agenda-Motion by Tarchala second by Morris to approve the agenda as amended by Cronenwett to move Item 10. Public Comments and Communications to item 6. Under 7. New Business add: C. Election of officers. All voted in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes -Motion by Paquin second by Tarchala to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 5, 2013 as presented. Abstained-Schultz. All others voted in favor.

5. Public Hearing-none

6. Public Comments and Communications

Public Comments and Communications regarding Zoning Ordinance Requirement of Small Scale Livestock Operation/Hobby farm Hunter property-22687 60th Ave., Mattawan, MI

Chairperson Cronenwett explained guidelines for speaking and the role of the Planning Commission and Township Board

Deborah Heiser-comment in regards to errors with Table 5-4 Animal Units

Dave Van Antwerp-comment on regards to the township wanting to regulate honey bees

Kelly VanderKley(Hunter)-comments in regards to her family hobby farm. Correspondence with the township and LSL Planning.

Would like the ordinance to be fixed in regards to Animal units

Lisa Mason-comment in regards residents should have access to the meeting agenda online, which is not currently available

Chris Ballingall-question as to procedure agenda notification by the township office

Dawn Hanley-comment as to the posting of the agenda by the township

Ron Osborne-township keeping stuff a secret by not posting agenda

Wade Lawrence-comments in regards to honeybees and their importance

Jeff Beck-urge committee to publish all agendas online

Timianne Sebright-information presented in regards to donkeys

Ron Osborne-question in regards to the process for creating/changing an ordinance.

Keith-discussion of the first letter that first was received by the Hunters by LSL Planning that they were in compliance than the second letter they were not. What had changed?

Tom Wyman-comment in regards to that the township should inform the Hunters if they are in or out of compliance with the ordinance.

Mick Kounelis-showed up for support of the Hunter family

Debbie Wyman-question if the same amount of animals were reported on both inspections.

Greg Reed-comment that the zoning administrator is screwing things up

Margaret Brooks-comment that the Hunter farm is a beautiful farm.

Pastor Aruhie Lhamon-comment that there appears to be lots of confusion within the township

Chris Ballingall-comment in regards to the press release from the township on this issue

Charles Mason-questioned whether the township will review the ordinance in regards to livestock.

Gary Stock-comment in regards to misinformation on this matter, and that the township is not restricting bees.

Public Comments Session was closed at 8:00 pm

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items-none

8. New Business

A. William Schultz Request Micro-Brewery-(Commissioner Denise Schultz did not step down nor participate in this discussion)

Motion by Daly second by Tarchala to recommend that a farm microbrewery to be a similar use with the same restrictions as a farm winery. Roll call vote: Tarchala-yes, Daly-yes, Derhammer-yes, Paquin-no, Morris-no, Cronenwett-no, Schultz-abstain

Motion failed

B. Zoning Ordinance Updates

Commissioners considered prioritizing amendments to the zoning ordinances. Commissioners felt that Section 3.2 Similar uses, definitions of animals and keeping of animals and minor clerical errors should be addressed first. If there are any additional items that should be addressed commissioners should note them and it will be discussed at next month's meeting.

C. Election of Officers

Motion by Cronenwett second by Derhammer to appoint for the 2013-2014 Planning Commission Officers: Chairperson-Daly, Vice-Chairperson-Paquin, Secretary-Schultz. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

9. Old Business

A. Park and Recreation Plan Update

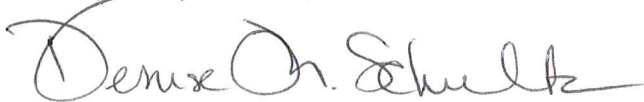
B. Blight Ordinance- Motion by Derhammer second by Schultz to move both of these items under old business to September meeting due to the lateness of the August meeting.

10. Report from Township Board Representative-Derhammer mentioned that the July township board meeting the budget was discussed.

11. Public Comments and Communications-Chairperson Cronenwett mentioned the sign up for the Citizen Planner Program

12. Adjournment-Motion by Derhammer second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.
Meeting adjourned 9:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary