

Chester Township Planning Commission Meeting

June 22, 2015

Chairman Denhof called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Susan Balcom, Helen Dietrich, Dale Fedewa, Martha Fuhst, Troy Goodno, & Norm VanDyke. No members were absent.

Agenda Approval –

Motion by VanDyke to approve the agenda. Second – Fedewa, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Fuhst to adopt the minutes of May 18, 2015 as presented. Second – Goodno, motion carries.

New Business –

For review, Terry Harrison explained that the Meendering would not be a new creation of a lot, but combining. Mr. Meendering said that 10 acres is going back Sokolowski. Next step is to get new legals.

Unfinished Business –

Discussing distance of sheds – Largest is 200 sq feet and just need zoning permit not a building permit plus need to make sure that the 30% limit of property coverage is not met. Denhof made a stance that he is an advocate to reduce the setbacks. Denhof proposed 200 sq feet or less to have 15ft setbacks for ag land only. Topic of overspray was discussed. Harrison said Ashland is 10ft setbacks. Harrison brought this topic to the board as just a potential problem, because it has been in other townships. No position was taken by the rest of board. No action taken.

Board Discussion –

Balcom brought up complaint about neighbor so she reported that she took down her own shed. Dietrich was approached at a social gathering regarding a letter that was sent to a resident from the Township concerning a cell tower. Harrison reported that it was a “radio” tower for West Michigan Broad Band.

Harrison reported that he would be sending a letter to the DEQ regarding the S&J mining operation violation.

Harrison reported that the Township is supposed to be notified if receivers are on Consumers Power poles.

Denhof asked if the test wind towers were gone.

Denhof mentioned placing markers in mines in the future so that it would be easier to notice violations.

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn by Fuhst at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jody Hyde
Chester Township Deputy Treasurer