

The Town of Ashippun Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman George Monis on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 7:30 pm. Members present were Don McCollum, Norm Greeb, James Koepke, Chairman George Monis, Clara Birkel, Sheryl Jaeger, Bob Guenther, and Secretary Heidi Tunak.

The minutes of the January 5, 2006 Planning Commission meeting were read and with the correction of Mr. Giebel's name change to Joe, and that John Christenson has a certified survey map to be signed, the minutes stand approved.

Chairman Monis received a letter from the Dodge County Planning & Development Department regarding a public hearing on Monday, February 20th at 7:30 pm regarding Kevin Barningham to rezone land from A-2 to I-1 or I-2 on N2083 Jefferson Road. Discussion followed under new business.

Town Chairman Schoenike reported the Ashippun Insider Newsletter is available by email. Thanks to Vickie Schlieve and Dave Guckenberger for preparing the newsletter. Dodge County hosted a meeting on land development and was attended by Schoenike, McCollum, Guenther, and Koepke. Land trusts were one of the issues discussed. Jeff Retslaff was chosen as the town planner, and meetings with Jeff, will be planned in the upcoming months.

No Building Inspector's report.

Leon Stecker was called forward to present regarding a land split of 14.86 acres to his son, at the property of W1274 Lincoln Road. Motion by Birkel, seconded by McCollum, to have Chairman Monis sign the Letter of Intent. Discussion and vote followed – 4 approved, 1 against (Guenther did not vote because of a personal vested interest). Stecker was instructed to get on the Town Board's agenda.

David Wendorf was called forward to present. Wendorf provided a revised survey map. Discussion followed. Motion made by McCollum to approve the Letter of Intent, if the culvert is installed in a reasonable period of time, provide a survey map with the lot and proposed house and position of existing driveway is not on the map. 5 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried. Wendorf was instructed to get on the Town Board's agenda.

The public hearing regarding Kevin Barningham was discussed further. The area is approximately 15 acres. Schoenike noted that we have had repeated suggestions for more business and industrial development in the town and to his knowledge there has been no complaints about this situation. Larry Krier said he has looked at the road areas around the business and he sees no breakage on the sides of the roads. Precedence and similar established businesses in this type of situation were noted and discussed. The County is looking for a recommendation from the town, since this is County zoning. Motion was made by McCollum to terminate discussion for the evening and allow the town board to make a recommendation. Seconded by Koepke. 3 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion denied. Koepke questioned the amount of time the town is allowed to discuss and investigate the issue. Motion was made by Koepke to request the County to postpone action to allow the town time to review and research the situation. Seconded by Guenther. All in favor, motion carried.

Jaeger noted that several people have said there is quite a bit of trash in the Willow Creek subdivision and erosion fences down. Don Christopherson will need to look into that.

Ideas from the Dodge County meeting on land development was discussed, such as subdivision homeowner's associations, retention ponds, recycling and re-using water, etc.

Public comment – Bill Brehmer said that he originally brought up Barningham's situation. We need industrial zoning, and the Billy Braunschweig property was turned down for industrial zoning. He stated the commission needs to be consistence with decisions. Guenther said that Barningham never came to the planning commission before starting his business.

Birkel motioned and Koepke scoded to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Next Town of Ashippun Planning Commission meeting is on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi Tunak