

**Dorr Township Planning Commission
October 16, 2007 Minutes**

1. Chairman Robert Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call--Members Present: Larry Dolegowski, Norm Fifelski, Gordon Lieffers, Doug Montgomery, Joycelin Denstone, Karen Slater, Robert Wagner, and Tim Johnson Township Planner. Members Absent: None.
4. The Minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Gordon Lieffers and supported by Joycelin Denstone to approve the minutes as presented. All Aye. Motion carried.
5. Changes or Additions to the Agenda
None.
6. Public Comments
None.
7. At 7:00 P.M. the Public Hearing to consider the request of Gerald Williams to rezone parcel number 0305-027-002-10 from Agricultural Zoning District to the Rural Estate Zoning District was held. Gerald Williams presented. 4 attended. Discussion: Mr. Williams divided his 10 acre lot into a 7.5 acre parcel with the existing house and a 2.5 acre parcel. He requested a rezone of both parcels. The new owners of the 7.5 acre parcel were not present. Mr. Williams stated the process for the rezone was started before he sold the house to the Wittkopps and that they were in agreement with the request for rezone.

Barb Chachulski-questioned splits, zoning in the area including her own property, and stated she did not want further development in her back yard.

The Public Comment Section was closed at 7:19 P.M.

A motion was made by Larry Dolegowski and supported by Doug Montgomery that the request by Gerald Williams to rezone parcel number 0305-027-002-10 as noticed in the paper from Agricultural Zoning District to the Rural Estate Zoning District be approved for recommendation to the Allegan County Planning Commission and the Dorr Township Board for approval with an advisory note to the Board that no action be taken without a written statement from Chad and Gina Wittkopp that they consent to the zoning change as requested as it has been demonstrated that the project conforms with the Township Master Plan.

Roll Call vote: Dolegowski-Yes, Fifelski-Yes, Lieffers-Yes, Montgomery-Yes, Denstone-Yes, Slater-Yes, Wagner-Yes. Members Absent: None. Motion carried.

8. Old Business:

a. Private Road Amendment

Draft #1 dated 10/15/07 was reviewed.

The following changes were made:

Section 4 (e) (1) revised from “three to ten lots, dwelling units or buildings” to “ten or less lots or dwelling units”

Section 4 (e) (2) revised from “more than 10 lots, dwelling units or buildings” to “more than 10 lots or dwelling units”

Section 4 (e) (3) revised to read “all private roads which are to be paved shall have a minimum travel width of 24 feet and shall meet the Allegan County Road Commission paving standards for a local road or paving standards for a valley gutter road.”

A motion was made by Joycelin Denstone and supported by Gordon Lieffers to hold a Public Hearing at the November 20, 2007 Planning Commission meeting on the Private Road Amendments. All aye. Motion carried.

b. Driveway and Shared Driveway Amendments

Draft #1 dated 10/15/07 was reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the concept of shared driveways. Tim Johnson will provide additional information at the next meeting.

9. New Business:

None.

10. Commissioner Comments

Robert Wagner read an invitation to attend a meeting of the Rabbit River Watershed Stakeholders on 10/23/07 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in attending is asked to contact the Township Office for details.

11. A Motion was made by Larry Dolegowski and Supported by Gordon Lieffers to adjourn. All Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

The next scheduled regular Planning Commission meeting is November 20, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Ann Slater

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Secretary